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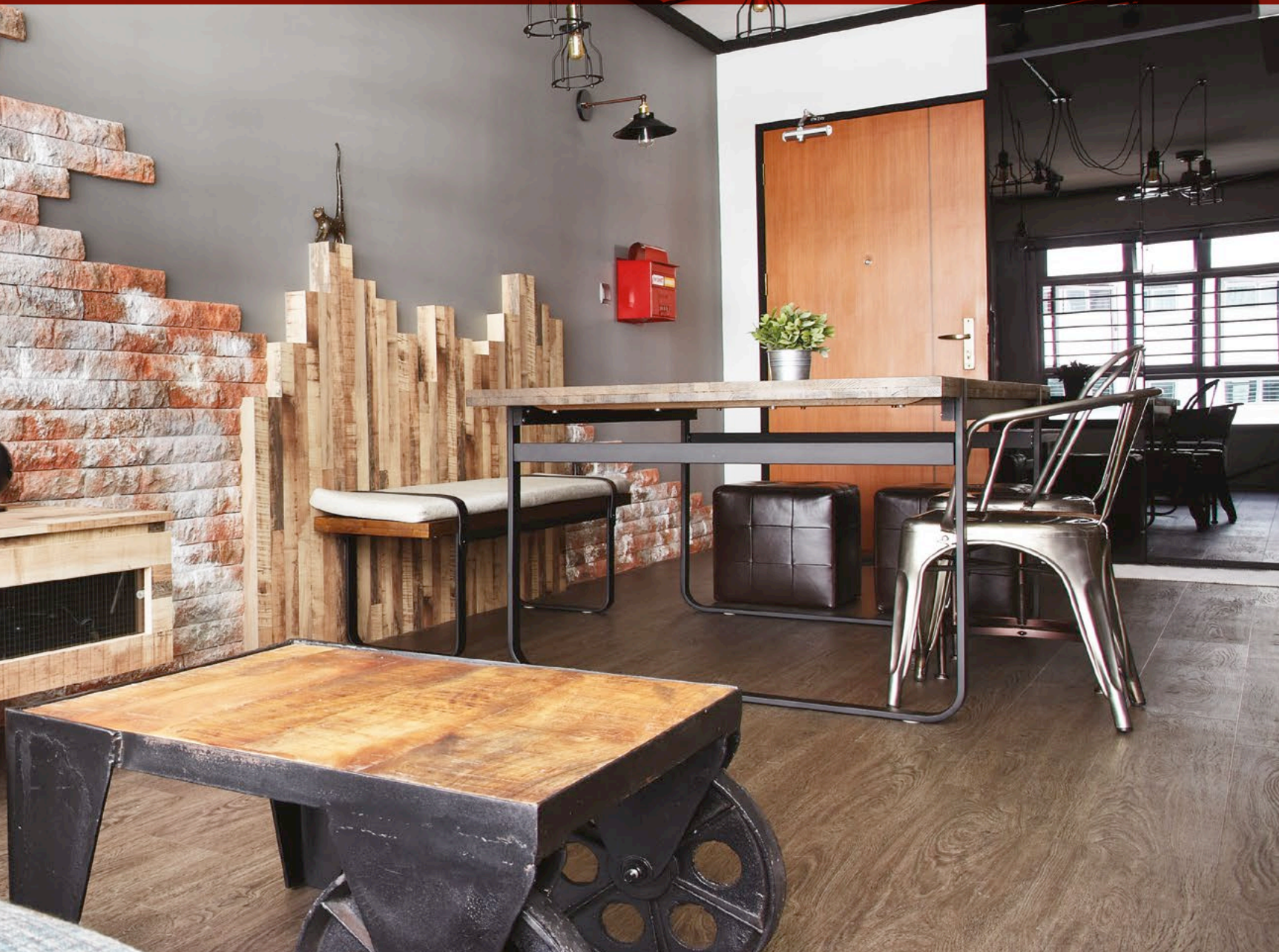
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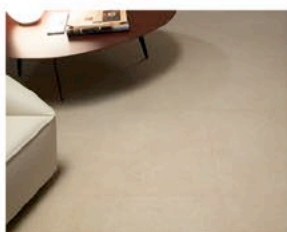




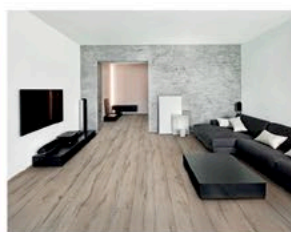
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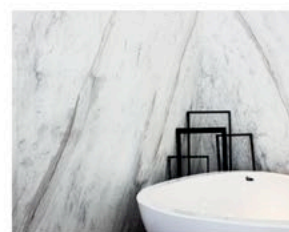
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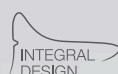
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## M E R R Y   &   B R I G H T

With a blink of an eye, 2014 is coming to a close.

The year-end festivities are upon us and though it's a bittersweet feeling to say goodbye, how better to send off 2014 than to celebrate?

At SquareRooms, it's easy to get into the festive mood when we ran quite a number of Christmas-themed shoots. Imagine wrapping presents in mid-October or blasting Christmas tunes when it's not quite November. Of course, all these efforts to put us in a feel-good mood weren't for naught. We managed to sneak in the essence of Christmas into the shoots.

In this issue, we look into making your home more people-friendly. Be it familial bonding or hosting company, an open-plan layout is essential for communal zones. If you would like to have a line of demarcation somewhere between the living and dining, do check out page 41 (STYLE). We have put together a list of room dividers great for small spaces.

Speaking of small spaces, how do you squeeze a tree into a HDB flat unit without moving things around? Think small and smart because on page 58 (SOLUTIONS), we have rounded up ways to have a tree without compromising on room.

And of course, how can it be the December issue without a gift guide? We go high tech this time by scouring the shops for sleek electronics and home products for a truly glorious Christmas.

Don't miss out on all the good stuff. Get started now!

See you next year.

Your Editor,

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## WINTER SCENTS

Inspired by the snow-covered mountains of Sweden, these sustainable alder-wood Christmas ornaments by Dirt By Earth is suffused with a tree scent. This will elicit images of a wintry wonderland from the moment a pack is opened. They come in an array of festive icons such as the gingerbread man, Christmas angel or snowflake.

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## Clear perfection

Thanks to period drama *Mad Men*, cognac and schnapps are making a comeback on lunch tables. To ride on this new wave of popularity, Holmegaard has launched cognac and schnapps glasses under their Perfection series. Ideal accessories in Christmas lunches, the schnapps glasses are a long-stemmed beauty while the cognac glasses are sophisticated vessels for the amber-gold drink.

**For more information, visit [www.holmegaard.dk](http://www.holmegaard.dk)**



### ***Party popper***

They say it isn't a party until you've popped open that champagne. With Meriwether of Montana's new line of wood and steel bottle openers, you will just be the one to get the party started. Fans of Big Foot, Bill Murray, and TV series Breaking Bad, you might want to get your hands on these.

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Online store [kellyhoppen.com](http://kellyhoppen.com) gives you more reasons to celebrate gloriously this year. Launched by designer Kelly Hoppen who is known for her luxurious designs, [kellyhoppen.com](http://kellyhoppen.com) now features a festive collection for this yuletide season. Bring the holiday cheer into your home with a wide selection of candleholders, fragrances, wine glasses, cushions, and elegant table centrepieces.

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## CHILL OUT

Give the gift of relaxation with Mt. Sapola's new Christmas bundles and gift sets. Recreate a full spa experience for your loved ones in the comfort of their home with the Home Indulgence set or bring festive joy via the brightly-decorated basic grooming kit, aptly titled Cheerfulness in a Box. If you have serious collector friends, the limited-edition Christmas-themed porcelain diffusers or the multicoloured owl diffusers would make great holiday gifts.

**The Christmas bundles and gift sets are available at Mt. Sapola stores till the end of 2014. For more information, visit [www.mountsapola.com](http://www.mountsapola.com)**



## A taste of magic

Experience the magic of Christmas this year with The 1872 Clipper Tea Co.'s 'A Season of Magic' tea blends. Featuring three flavours inspired by favourite Christmas tales—Shoemaker's Elves, The Nutcracker and Rudolph—the teas are packed in petite tins with festive flavours. We particularly like The Nutcracker, a sweet black tea and white chocolate blend that is laced with rose petals for a light and refreshing floral aftertaste.

**Retailing for S\$15 per tin or S\$38 for tin of three at Tangs Orchard, Robinsons Orchard, Gardens by the Bay, Night Safari Village Craft and Singapore Botanic Gardens. For more information, visit [www.clippertea.com.sg](http://www.clippertea.com.sg)**

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With over 110 new gift selections, start your shopping at The Body Shop this year. From the all-new Glazed Apple body care range to luxurious strawberry moisturisers plus lip butters packed into an adorable candy cane box, being spoilt for choice is an understatement. There's even an advent calendar that features a beauty surprise behind every door. The store is teaming up with Cerebral Palsy Alliance Singapore (CPAS) this season, so for every specially selected gift you buy, it will make a contribution to CPAS for the children's education fund.

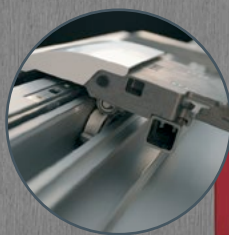
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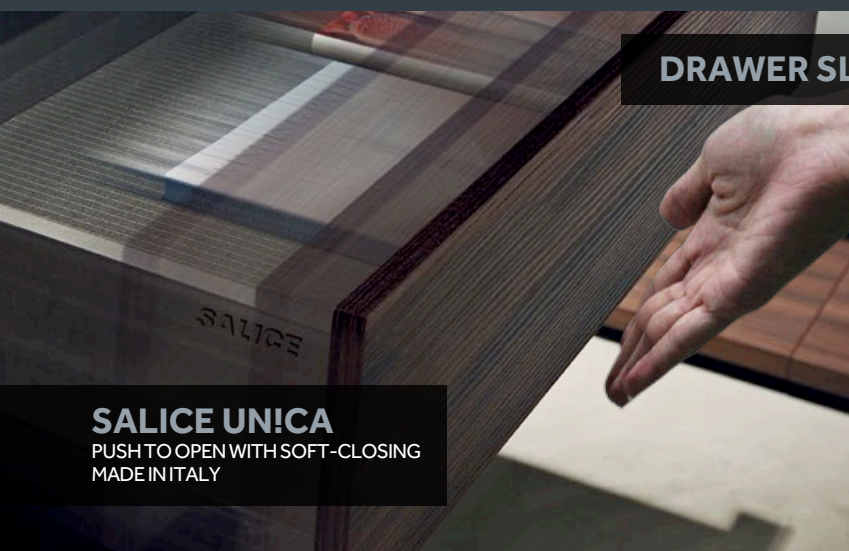




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**Located at Goodwood Park Hotel, 22 Scotts Road, +65 6737 7411, [www.goodwoodparkhotel.com](http://www.goodwoodparkhotel.com)**



## SPREAD THE LOVE

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**Order online at [www.sakuraforte.com.sg](http://www.sakuraforte.com.sg) or call +65 9299 0880**

## HANDLE THE HEAT

Turn up the heat with the Singapore-inspired Mexican fare at Lower East Side Tacqueria. From now till 25 December, this casual restaurant is offering four Christmas Party Combos packed with feisty and hearty dishes such as Angry Rib with Cilantro Rice and Slaw or the Chorizo Stew Burrito with Habañeros to tantalise your taste buds. Daredevils, for an extra fiery Christmas, take a stab at their five-level spiciness metre that comprises too-hot-to-handle options like Ghost Pepper, Scorpion Pepper and Ultimate Insanity.

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**Located at Orchard Gateway @ Emerald, 218 Orchard Road, +65 6634 8488, [www.crateandbarrel.com](http://www.crateandbarrel.com)**

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## PURE & SIMPLE

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**Retailing online for S\$639 at Atlas e-store or at Atlas showrooms. For more information, visit [www.atlasestore.sg](http://www.atlasestore.sg)**



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**Available at SoftRock Living's Showroom (by appointment only), Ewins Home and Slingshot. For more information, visit [www.softrockliving.com](http://www.softrockliving.com)**



## Fine prints

Heads up, fashionistas! Marimekko, a Finnish design and fashion company, is slated to open a store in Singapore this coming January. Occupying a retail space of 2,500 square feet at the new Capitol Piazza along Stamford Road, the new outlet will carry fashion, bags and accessories in addition to a range of homeware such as tea pots, aprons, and bed linens. The brand is known for its vibrant prints and colours, including the much-loved Unikko print, which features large poppies in bold shapes and simple lines.

**For more information, visit [www.marimekko.com](http://www.marimekko.com)**





### ***Crystal clear***

Axor, the designer brand of sanitary fittings manufacturer Hansgrohe SE, has introduced the brand's first transparent faucet titled Axor Starck V, where water flows through the spout in a see-through, open crystal glass. Designed by Philippe Starck, the understated style of the mixer has since become synonymous with the brand. The 360-degree rotatable and detachable spout allows for flexible installation and easy cleaning in the dishwasher.

***For more information, visit [www.hansgrohe.com](http://www.hansgrohe.com)***

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### **MORE THE MERRIER**

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# AROUND the world

*Keep track of your worldly adventures with these travel-inspired keepsakes*

TEXT Ho Pei Ying



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**HER WORKS** Lonely Cacti, one of Anna's many quirky prints



**FAVE HOMEWARES**

Moving Mountain's Confetti Credenza (mvngmntns.com). "This makes me weak in the knees!"

Arro Home's Sketch Book bed cover

**Can't leave home without** My new 'The Horse' watch; it goes with any outfit.

**Secret talent?** I wouldn't say talent but I do secretly love playing video games. I would love a console but then I would never get work done.

**Are you reading anything now?** There's no time for reading with my two-year-old, but I'm dying to read 'Not That Kind of Girl' by Lena Dunham.

**Most expensive thing you have ever bought in your life?** My beautiful 120-year-old house; it has so much character.

**Favourite home brands** Arro Home (www.arrohome.com)—

loving the Sketch Book bed cover by Beci Orpin. Umami (www.etsy.com/shop/Umami)—they make the most awesome original knot cushions.

**What's your food weakness?** Hot cinnamon donuts for sweet and for savoury, pasta. Half my family is Italian so it's in my genes.

**Are you looking at doing anything else besides illustrations?** Well, besides graphic design, I would love to illustrate on homeware or collaborate with another company.

**Which print of yours took the longest to complete?** I think the longest illustration I took was for Neon Jungle. I couldn't decide on the colours as it was digital; I could have any combination. I think I did about 20 different versions.

*For more of Anna's prints, visit [www.etsy.com/shop/HelloPants](http://www.etsy.com/shop/HelloPants) or [www.hellopants.com.au](http://www.hellopants.com.au)*

# ANNA DANCE, *Hello Pants*

*34-year-old Australian illustrator and graphic designer Anna Dance is the creator of Hello Pants. She helms this illustration and graphic design business, which also sees her offering her out-of-this-world prints on Etsy.*

IMAGES COURTESY OF Anna Dance

**LIP SERVICE**

"Clinique's chub sticks are perfect for a busy mum like me."

**HER LIVING ROOM**

"We are currently renovating; I can't wait to re-design it."



**MUST-HAVE ACCESSORY**

"The Horse watch. I quite like that it's masculine."







“I guess the overarching story that we want to tell with Simitaiji is to ‘see’ Singapore through our eyes.”

# AUDREY WANG & SHAWN HENG, Simitaiji

*What started as a Facebook bet between founder Shawn and his brother, culminated in a legitimate business idea for the former and his partner, Audrey. Garnering positive response from Facebookers, the young entrepreneurs decided to go into business with Simitaiji. They branded the colloquial Hokkien phrase onto t-shirts, and introduced other products imprinted with their uniquely Singaporean humour.*

**'TIS THE SEASON**  
Simitaiji's Christmas mittens to commemorate SG50



## Tell us, what was the Facebook bet about?

Shawn had this idea to try out this type-based t-shirt called 'I tried'. He made a pact with his brother that if he could get more than 100 'likes' on the mock-up picture on Facebook, Shawn will get the tee printed and send it to his brother in Melbourne. Basically, Shawn lost the bet in less than an hour. So while preparing it for print, he was thinking of branding it under another name that can be used for a future line of t-shirts, as well as one that is familiar to Singaporeans.

**Why Simitaiji?** We wanted it to be classy, not vulgar; catchy not cheesy. We thought the pun on taiji is apt as it is a common exercise for many Singaporean uncles and aunties in our community centres.

## Favourite interior styles

Cosy and minimal! Shawn loves Tadao Ando's style, with all the raw concrete. Unfortunately, it's not easy to maintain that in tropical Singapore.

## Any websites you visit for daily inspiration?

**S:** I'm perpetually on Pinterest and Behance. The Die Line is a good site for packaging. **A:** Pinterest for the visual explosion, and Facebook to understand Singaporeans.

**Is your desk an organised mess? Or plain organised?** It's an organised chaos. Applies to us both.

## How do you kick back during the weekend?

Work on Simitaiji! It's kind of become our weekend job. We also play sports together.

## Any local home brands that you like?

We actually really like the work of Thomas Yang from 100copies. Sabei Authentic is another local designer we really like.

*To purchase Simitaiji's products, visit [naiise.com](http://naiise.com) or Grammah located at 66 Haji Lane*



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# WOOD *stock*

*With contemporary designs and eco-friendly furnishings to boot, Ethnicraft Online Singapore is fast becoming a favourite amongst furniture lovers*

TEXT Rossara Jamil PHOTOGRAPHY Justin Loh

Furniture brand Ethnicraft hit our shores as an online store, and has since gained a strong following for its FSC-certified wood furniture. Today, two years later, it's expanded to a 2000-square-foot showroom.

Among the sizeable collection are the popular M-rack and Slice Extendable Dining Table. You'll also find pieces by Singapore designer Nathan Yong. Look out for Yong's sought-after POP sidetable. Not to be missed are also the recently launched UniversoPositivo and Notre Monde collections, which resulted from collaborations with international designers.

## INSIDE STORY

- No wood is left unused in its production plant in Indonesia. Even fine teak wood dust is collected and put to use, such as being made into supplementary packaging.
- Ethnicraft has a '10 services' motto. They include lifetime warranty for all solid teak furniture, as well as complementary delivery and installation services.

*“Buying furniture is a key moment in people's life, so we want to make it a happy, convenient and pleasant experience.”*

*Jonathan Roelandts, Co-Founder*



1. The Turtle tables are part of the new 35-item UniversoPositivo collection. Using primarily oak wood and coloured lacquered metal, they break away from the brand's main collection in style.

2. Aside from large furniture like the Burger bed, you'll also find a host of small home accessories.

3. Jonathan Roelandts started the Singapore store with Katrien Bollen in 2012. The brand, with beginnings in Belgium, has been producing furniture for almost 20 years.

4. Airy and light-filled, the showroom presents the furniture in a neat and organised layout.

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*“With a thing like a motif or a pattern, it is practically natural to apply it onto a difference surface.”*

*Jo Soh, hansel*

1. The 'HDB by Night' poster reveals a poignant scene in the heartlands.

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3. Affordably priced at S\$49 for a set of five mini posters (25.4cm x 25.4cm), this Black & White series is displayed alongside its fabric counterparts.



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# URBAN *art*

*Local fashion designer Jo Soh's collaboration with The Providence Gallery sparks off a home collection of wall art, with plenty of intriguing tales to tell*

TEXT Disa Tan PHOTOGRAPHY Justin Loh unless otherwise stated

From women's apparel and now wall art, the transition of Jo Soh's designs has been an exciting, albeit expected one. She reveals: "Customers have often remarked that my fabric designs would make great wall art." That opportunity knocked when she caught up with Charlotte and Nicholas Chin from The Providence Gallery. The sister-and-brother proprietors from the online art gallery were looking for young artists to create art prints and the rest, we say, is history.

Debuting at hansel, Jo's boutique, till 31 December, the selection comprises 10 mini posters (colour and black-&-white) and five limited edition archival prints.

## INSIDE STORY

- Each carefully-curated piece tells a fascinating tale, thanks to Jo's active imagination while she was hand-drawing it.
- Besides a good backstory, you can also don on the selection, with the matching hansel apparel sporting similar motifs.

*hansel is located at Mandarin Gallery, 333A Orchard Road, +65 6836 5367, or visit [www.theprovidencegallery.net](http://www.theprovidencegallery.net) to purchase the prints online*



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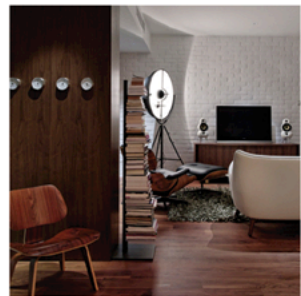
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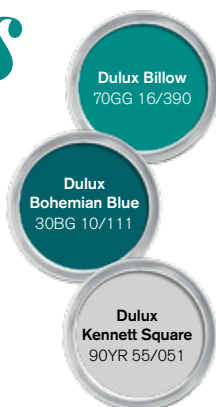
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## GOOD *old days*

*Friendly service and vintage wares on display—it's easy to see why boutique and café Old Habits can become a habit that's hard to kick*

TEXT Ho Pei Ying PHOTOGRAPHY Justin Loh

Squirreled away at a corner of an old housing estate is a homey boutique and café selling vintage wares. The affable husband-and-wife team initially started out selling vintage ware at flea markets, before deciding they were going to do food as well. Influenced by the café culture in Australia during their eight-year stay there, it was something they had always wanted to try but never got round to it until now. “The first year when we came back, I was working as a civil engineer and Selena did medical sales. But we’ve always wanted something we could call our own and we found that setting up a business here wasn’t that scary.

So now instead of slogging for other people, we are slogging for ourselves!” quips Don.

Opened back in July this year, Old Habits has already garnered quite a bit of attention online. While not all reviews have been particularly raving, the couple is committed to the business. “To be honest, we have no training in this field. We started everything from scratch. But if we want to make things work, we need to take ownership. We accept the (bad) comments and improve from there, and we believe trying our best to provide good food and personal service will get us good reviews.”



It seems they are not letting anyone slip by without getting a taste of their hospitality, as this interview—interrupted with outbursts of greetings when people walked in—showed. “We try to provide as personal a service as possible, and remember what our regular customers like to order, their likes and dislikes. That, I think, is what makes us different.”

## BLAST TO THE PAST

To keep costs low, the décor, lighting and paintwork were done by the couple themselves.

Old clocks, posters, and road signs fill every nook and cranny in the store. While waiting for the food, do try out the vintage View Masters with the 3D cartoon reels encased within the table tops.

The items were mainly sourced from overseas or the Sungei Road Thieves Market, while some, like one of the cabinets, were pulled out from the dumpster. “We find people in general quite wasteful. They throw away stuff

*“When people come in here, they bond over the vintage items because there are just so many things to talk about. Our younger customers bring their parents or grandparents back here just to look at the old things.”*

*Selena Goh, owner of Old Habits*

that is still useful and valuable, so we pick them up and reuse it.”

While the wares are for sale, not all can claim to be genuine old school. “We are still relatively new in collecting, so we sometimes get cheated when we buy the stuff,” Selena explains.

## BITE INTO THIS

The current menu is a new one—introduced back in early November—and now features five pages of drool-worthy selections. Old Habits serves what Don describes as “offbeat

food”, and we couldn’t agree more. Desserts like Elvis’ Favourite (\$\$10.50)—a sinful and ginormous fried peanut butter and banana sandwich topped with vanilla ice-cream, and drink choices like the Old Habits Float (\$\$6)—a refreshing

kickapoo and pineapple liqueur concoction topped with rum and raisin ice cream, were created by Selena herself.



Chef recommendations for the mains? “I would say Simply Salmon (\$\$15.50). The sauce is very Asian. The dish is unlike any other tomato-based spaghetti; it’s actually quite spicy.”

While Old Habits doesn’t have the prettiest of plates, their home-style cooking and substantial portions certainly warm the heart. “Our food isn’t exactly pretty, but we say what goes into the mouth is more important.”

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# FRENCH *decadence*

*High ceilings and elegant fixtures make  
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TEXT Ho Pei Ying IMAGES COURTESY OF Top Global Limited

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## DEVELOPER

Bartley Homes Pte Ltd (Subsidiary of Top Global Limited)

## TYPE

Apartment

## LOCATION

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## ESTIMATED TOP DATE

30 June 2017

## TENURE

Freehold

## NUMBER OF UNITS

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## BUILDING HEIGHT

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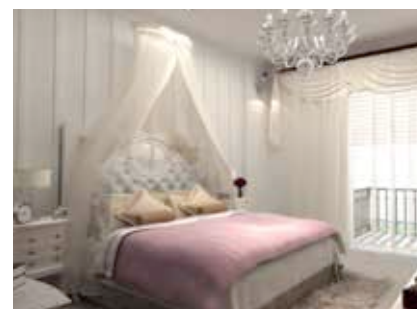


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# POINT OF SEPARATION

**Go wall-less in the living and dining area with these ingenious and almost unexpected dividers**

TEXT Ho Pei Ying



## *long sofa*

*A long, modular sofa would do just the trick to demarcate your living from dining. Pull your sofa away from the walls and position it such that the back faces the dining table. This also creates a small walkway for easy manoeuvre around the house.*

Image courtesy of HAY

## *shape shifter*

Make use of tables with different forms to define your spaces. If you are using a circular coffee table, you might want to go for a rectangular dining table to keep both areas distinct.



Image courtesy of CB2



# CURTAINS

Light, airy curtains make simple and easy room dividers without adding visual bulk. Translucent ones give an ethereal feel to the home and allow daylight to pass through. When you don't need the privacy, you always have the option of drawing back the curtains.



Image courtesy of X3



# LIGHT FIXTURE

Lights do more than just brighten your interiors; they can also serve as room dividers. Go for pendants and fix them up between living and dining to distinguish the areas.



Image courtesy of X3



Image courtesy of Philips

## *set the mood*

Ambient lighting can encompass varying colours and lighting intensities. So even when it's in the same space, you can differentiate the two zones by casting the right mood for the right space.



Image courtesy of Muuto

## *shelves*

See-through shelves divide the room without taking up visual space. And they can double up as storage too.



## *carpet*

*Area rugs anchor spaces without the physical barrier. A rug with motifs would also add visual interest to a room with otherwise neutral furnishings.*

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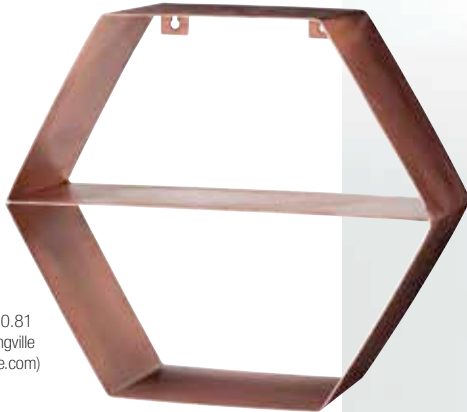
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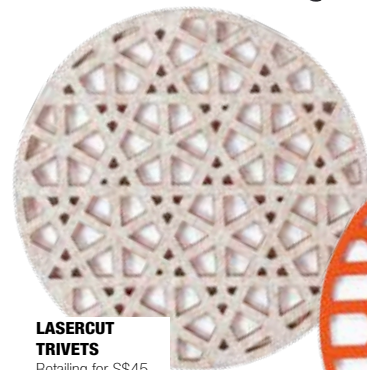
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ART DIRECTION Neo Alk Sing    STYLING Michelle Lim  
CO-ORDINATION Disa Tan    PHOTOGRAPHY Justin Loh

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**all i want  
for christmas  
is you.**

**let's be  
merry**





Bryson Tobias Steel (DXN 4329M)

# *beyond imagination*

**Explore limitless design possibilities in your  
home with laminates from Lamitak**

IMAGES COURTESY OF Lamitak

In the world of laminates, expect to find splinter-free wood, anti-corrosion metal or budget-friendly marble for your home. Whether you want an industrial chic living space or a contemporary abode, they are your best bet because of their versatility. Simple to install, easy to maintain, and sturdier than natural materials, laminates embody an immense design potential and are a cost-effective way to turn your home into a whole new world.

For years, Lamitak, TAK's brand of laminates, has been embracing daring and surreal designs that fuse trends from Europe and all over the world while



Marco Rialto Pine (WYA 5278E)



Ava Milnerton (WYA 5275E)

staying true to the Asian palette. Taking its inspiration from travels, acute observations and tactile materials, the brand is all about surprising its customer base with unexpected laminate designs that help ignite the imagination.

### *Discover endless creativity*

There are countless ways to incorporate laminates in interior spaces. While they are one of the more popular laminate choices in Singapore, the intriguing aesthetics of Lamitak's new 2014-15 collection set new trends

in laminate design so you can unleash your most imaginative creative vision.

Go for shabby chic interiors with walls that look like weathered timber from the Milnerton range, a linear design which embraces the aesthetic of repainting and reuse. Or add a textural depth to your living space with a column or two of the Marmo Flavio, a gritty and grainy, rough stone design that brings to mind the ruins of ancient Rome.

Give personality to your furniture pieces—such as the coffee table, dining chairs or the sides of a cabinet—by resurfacing them in laminates with graphic patterns. Designs from the Rialto Pine range play up the effects of wood fibres—minus all the splinters—to lend a rustic charm to your spaces. Create a rust-free industrial statement with a feature wall covered in the collections from Tobias Steel, which features an intricate steel design.

Laminates are not just for big surfaces. Dress up a bookcase by covering the back of the shelves with laminate. Or customise your furniture according to your home's concept with carpentry works from wall feature, kitchen cabinets or even benches.

### *Easy care & maintenance*

Because they are treated to be fire-retardant and water-resistant, and are abrasion-resistant, laminates are not that hard to maintain. Here are a few tips:

1. To remove most stains, just wipe with a clean non-abrasive cloth and warm water. Use a mild household cleaner or detergent only if necessary.
2. Special attention may be required for stubborn stains—apply a small amount of thinner on a clean non-abrasive cloth to gently remove stain and rinse the area with another clean damp cloth.
3. Do not place heated items (pot & pans) directly onto the laminated surface.



## SOLUTIONS



### BRANCH OUT

Twigs would make a rustic alternative to a traditional Christmas tree—and without all the pine needles too!

*Featuring assorted Christmas ornaments, from S\$21.92 (€13.60) each, retailing at Georg Jensen*

# 1



### FLEXI TABLE

A foldable dining table offers more options when you are hosting a big party in a small apartment.

*Featuring Origami Drop Leaf Dining Table, S\$1,199, retailing at Crate & Barrel*

# 2

*December is a good month to...*

# CELEBRATE!

**12 ways for a green and space-friendly Christmas**

TEXT Ho Pei Ying







# 5

## DANGLE JINGLE

You won't eat up floor space by hanging up Christmas presents!

*Featuring STRÅLA LED decoration light chain 18 balls, S\$39.90, retailing at IKEA*



# 4

## GET STACKING

Stackable chairs are useful to have around when you're hosting large groups. Stow them away in the store room after the party!

*Featuring Marius stool, S\$6.50, retailing at IKEA*



# 3

## SMALL IS MORE

If you are keen on having an actual Christmas tree, a small one with cool 2D ornaments works well in a small home.

*Featuring Porcelain Ornaments, S\$16.10 (€10.00) each, retailing at Ferm Living ([www.fermliving.com](http://www.fermliving.com))*



6

**DECK  
THE BACK**

Don't throw away surplus wrapping paper. Use them to dress up the back of your chairs.

*Featuring Vintermys gift wrap roll, S\$3.90 per roll, retailing at IKEA*



7

**TIER UP**

Go vertical by serving your treats in these multi-tiered stands—space-saving and ever so pretty.

*Featuring assorted tiered stands, from S\$48.10 (€29.95), retailing at KAHLA*

8

**GLASSY EYED**

Glass drink dispensers with the right concoction add a festive colour to the table without needing extra table décor.

*Featuring Cold Beverage Jar, S\$113.90, retailing at Crate & Barrel*





# 9

## WASTE NOT

Instead of having one 'dump-all' bin, why not have three and have your guests practise green habits by separating your trash for recycling?

*Featuring Knodd bin with lid, S\$19.90, retailing at IKEA*



## TAG 'EM

Label your guests' drinkware with blackboard paint so they won't get mixed up amidst the mingling. This also saves you on having to dish out extra cups!

*Featuring Ensidig vase, S\$1.90, retailing at IKEA*



# 10

## GO FABRIC

Who needs the real thing when you have a fabric Xmas tree that takes up a lot less space?

*Featuring VINTER 2014 fabric spruce, S\$9.90 per metre, retailing at IKEA*

# 11



## BAKE THEN SERVE

You won't need to clean up extra plates when you use bakeware festive enough to serve in.

*Featuring GreenGate Auflaufform (Ovenproof dish) "Star", S\$60.86 (€37.90), retailing at Art Chateau ([www.artchateau.com](http://www.artchateau.com))*

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## SENSATIONALS



# ART OVERLOAD

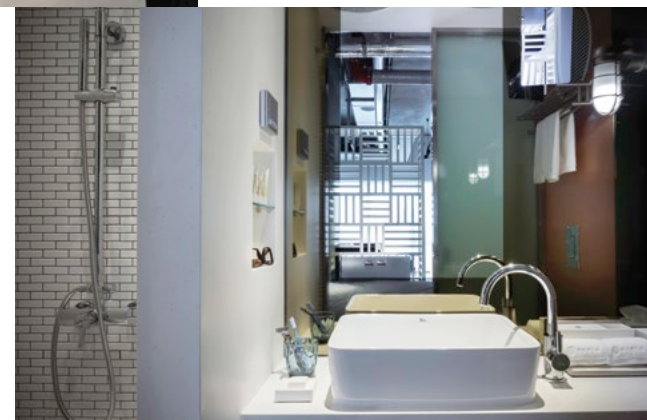
**Hong Kong's Ovolo Southside is an artsy industrial boutique hotel that is big on creativity, but not lacking in comfort**

TEXT Ho Pei Ying

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The first warehouse-turned-hotel in Hong Kong, Ovolo Southside is every hipster traveller's fantasy: artsy location, bold design motifs, panoramic views of the surrounding greenery, and in-house amenities that make you never want to leave.

The boutique hotel is located at Hong Kong's south coast within the once-sleepy industrial district of Wong Chuk Hang. This side of town is just a little off the beaten track, although that is set to change as it gradually rebrands itself as an enclave for the hip and happening. The place is a flurry of activity, with cafés, boutiques, fashion outlets, and art galleries and workshops nestling behind the walls of former industrial buildings of factories and warehouses.



### LOFTY AMBITIONS

Just like its location, Ovolo Southside is equal parts trendy and tranquillity. Interiors feature an industrial loft style design, so expect to see utilitarian steel furniture, exposed pipes, cement flooring and tactile walls of burnished wood and bricks that all pay tribute to the building's warehouse past.

Each of the 162 rooms differs in shape and size as the original structure was retained with little modifications. Clean lines and minimalist furnishings provide a contemporary feel. Floor-to-ceiling windows let in plenty of daylight, and because of the hotel's location at the periphery, offer guests an extensive view of Southside's verdant topography.

### KEY FACTS

#### DESIGN STYLE

Industrial loft with an art focus

#### DESIGNER

KplusK associates

#### ROOM TYPES

Corner Deluxe, Corner, Deluxe Queen, Long Loft, Mini Queen & Mini Twin

#### OUR PICK

Corner rooms, for its 180-degree vistas of the surrounding landscape





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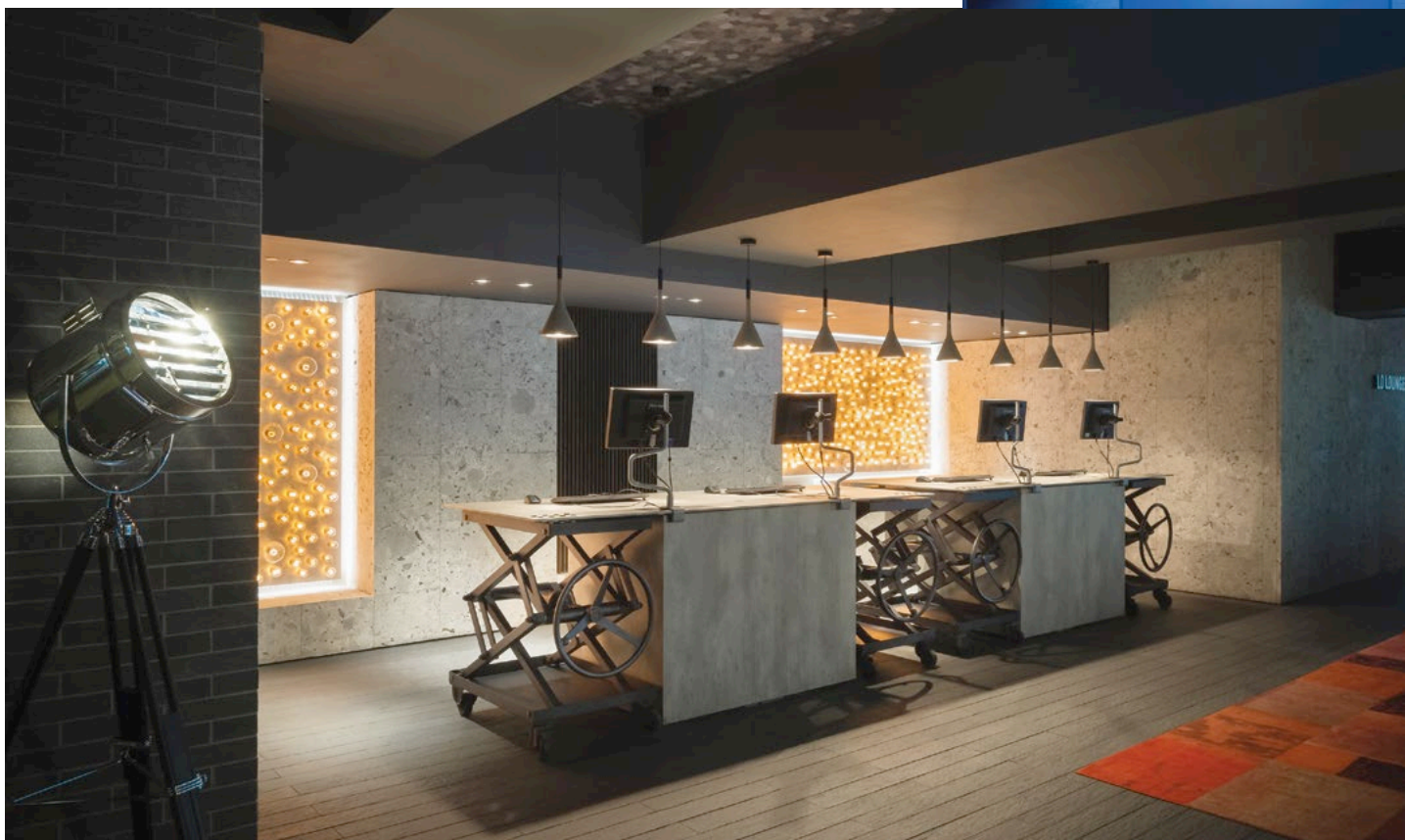
In keeping with the burgeoning creative climate of Wong Chuk Hang, a group of artists was enlisted to transform the hotel into an artistic hub. Local art collective Parent's Parents created a large pop art-inspired mural on the hallway inspired from the area's urban renewal, while LA-based Cyrle paid homage to the site's industrial history with its rooftop and lift graphic art. The art spaces not only invite conversation, but are ideal spots for selfies.

You know when a hotel is serious about its art if its in-room guest handbooks are also covered in doodles. Other creative spaces within the hotel include the B.I.G room—an intimate, Mao-style meeting room that offers reclining leather armchairs set against an exotic Chinese fabric wall, instead of the conventional boardroom-style seating. For larger groups, G.I.G is a multimedia events space located in the former garage of the building. It features a full-height projection area and rotating stage, thanks

to the decision to retain the original truck turntable from the old factory.

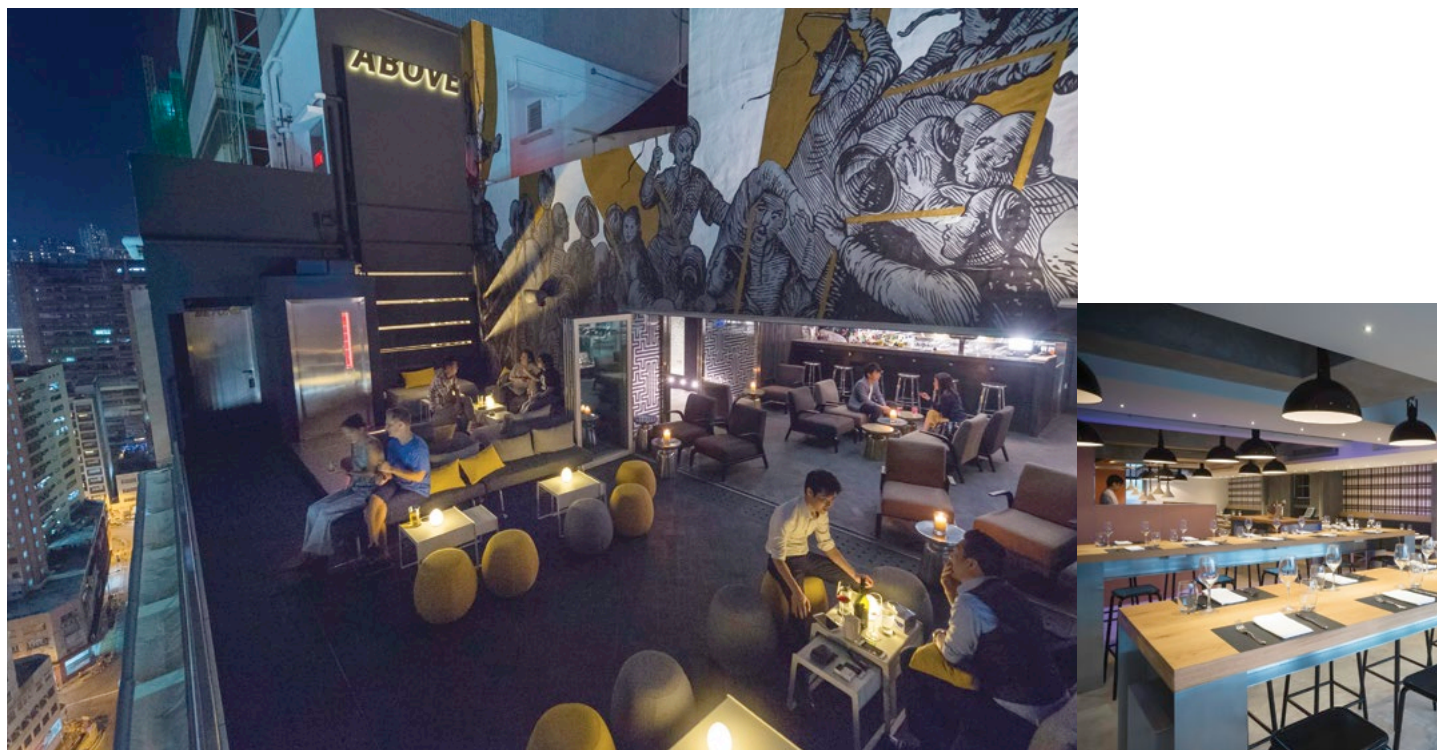
## CREATURE COMFORTS

Not one to lose out on modern comforts, Ovolo Southside's rooms come equipped with luxurious seven-layer beds, 47-inch LED 3D TVs, blackout blinds, rainfall showers, Malin & Goetz bathroom





## SENSATIONALS



*“By choosing Wong Chuk Hang as its location, the hotel has become intrinsic to the development and re-branding of this once-industrial neighbourhood into an art destination.”*

*Claus Sendlinger, Founder of Design Hotels*

amenities, and a daily replenished minibar. If you are big on views, be sure to go for the Corner rooms with their 180-degree vistas. Wi-Fi is available throughout the hotel and breakfast is complimentary. Other amenities include a 24-hour gymnasium—furnished with a range of equipment such as yoga mats and TRX harnesses—and free-flow cocktails and canapés

at Lo Lounge by the reception from six to eight in the evening.

Foodies, pay heed to Cirque, the in-house bistro that serves up a creative and healthy Mediterranean style East-Asian cuisine within canteen-inspired surroundings. Enjoy unusual dishes such as the Bucatini with Littleneck clams, which are seasoned with lemongrass and Japanese curry oil, or the Trofie with Maitaki Mushroom—a vegetarian dish with strong Asian flavours. Choose to dine inside and check out the chefs with their open kitchen or go al fresco at the expansive outdoor terrace.

Rooftop bar Above overlooks the district and offers views of leafy Shouson Hill, the cable cars of Ocean Park, and the Southside beaches beyond. Have your cocktails in a comfy and intimate setting, against the larger-than-life mural painted by Cyrcle.

**Room rates start from S\$192.43 (HK\$1,150).**  
For more information, visit [www.ovolohotels.com](http://www.ovolohotels.com) and [www.designhotels.com](http://www.designhotels.com)







*Featuring Recycled wood coffee table, S\$589, from Make Room.*

# PROJECT TAPE

**This month, SR brings you 8 delightful ways to washi. Time to pretty up your space!**

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**PHOTOGRAPHY** Justin Loh unless otherwise stated **SHOT ON LOCATION** Make Room, [www.make-room.net](http://www.make-room.net)



## SIMPLE

### SWITCH IT UP

White light switch boxes are just plain dull so switch up the look with a few bold strokes of washi goodness.

*Featuring Ceramic feather, S\$24.90; Votive with copper wire, S\$17.90, all from Make Room. Scotch Expressions Washi Tape, S\$6.90, retailing at all major bookstores.*







#### TREE COAT RACK

Give your 3M Common General Purpose Hooks a more visual edge with a washi tape tree. With this whimsical treatment, hooks won't just be hooks anymore!

*Featuring Woollen knitted stool (off-white), S\$279; Mirror, S\$114; Make Room cabinet with glass door, S\$1,529 & Black & grey leather rug, S\$179, all from Make Room.*





SIMPLE



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## HEADBOARD DISPLAY

Throne your bed head with a sleek city skyline pattern. It's so easy and effortless we can't imagine why not!



## CABLE TIES

Need some cable control? Use thicker washi tape or the masking tape version to pin down those cumbersome cables.

*Featuring Table lamp (copper shade; black with marble base), S\$394, from Make Room.*



## SIMPLE



### TEALIGHT DELIGHTS

There's no need to spend so much on candle holders when a perfect washi tape print can make the difference.

*Featuring Alu tray (engraved copper), S\$69, from Make Room. Scotch Expressions Washi Tape, S\$6.90, retailing at all major bookstores.*



### PATCHWORK CANISTERS

If you need to sort out your dry foods storage containers, marking them with washi tapes in different colours is easy and fun to do!

*Featuring Bottle with cork, S\$44 & Milk bottle, S\$12.90, all from Make Room. Scotch Expressions Tapes, S\$9.90 for pack of 3, retailing at all major bookstores.*



### WIRE SHOWCASE

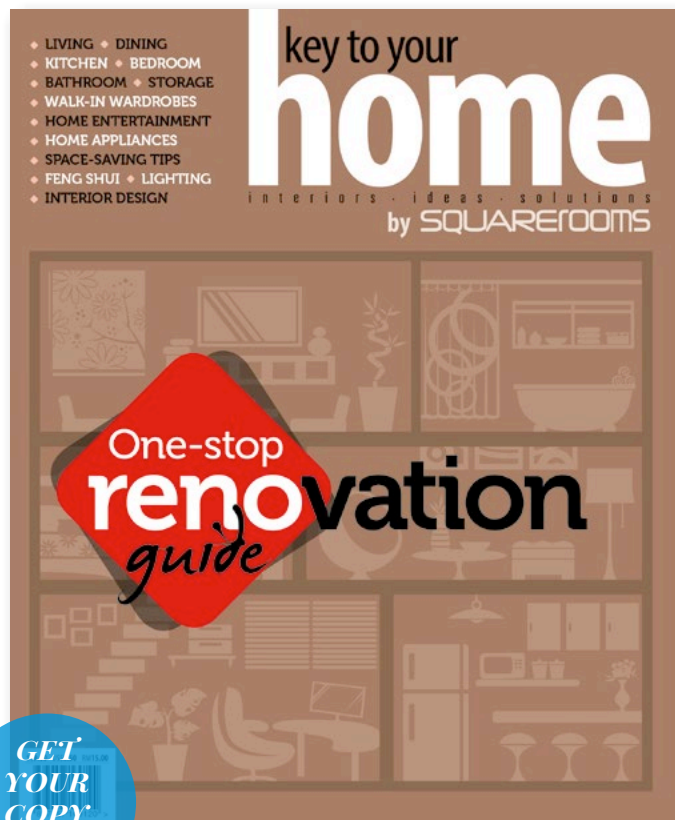
If you can't hide those bothersome wires, why not show them off in good light? String different coloured tapes around them to create a cool, staggered pattern.

*Featuring Painted branch (190cm), S\$139, from Make Room. Scotch Expressions Tapes, S\$9.90 for pack of 3, retailing at all major bookstores.*



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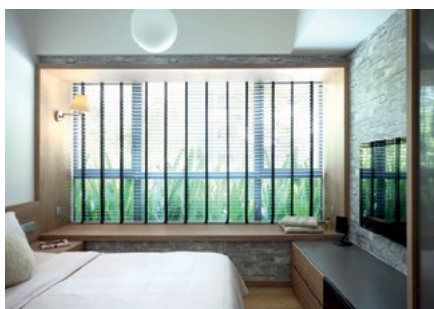
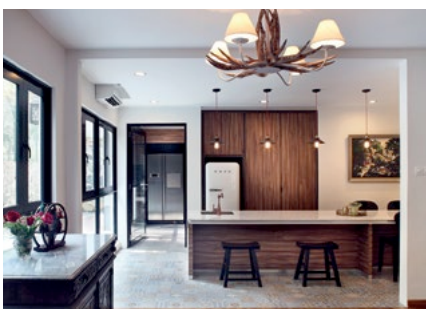
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## DESIGN EQUATIONS

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# FAMILY *classics*

*A much-needed sophisticated  
makeover helped the Gans fall in  
love with their home all over again*

TEXT Deborah Jane Goon  
IMAGES COURTESY OF The Scientist  
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**2 STOREY**  
SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE  
**3,600**sqf **HOME TO**   
CHULIN ROAD



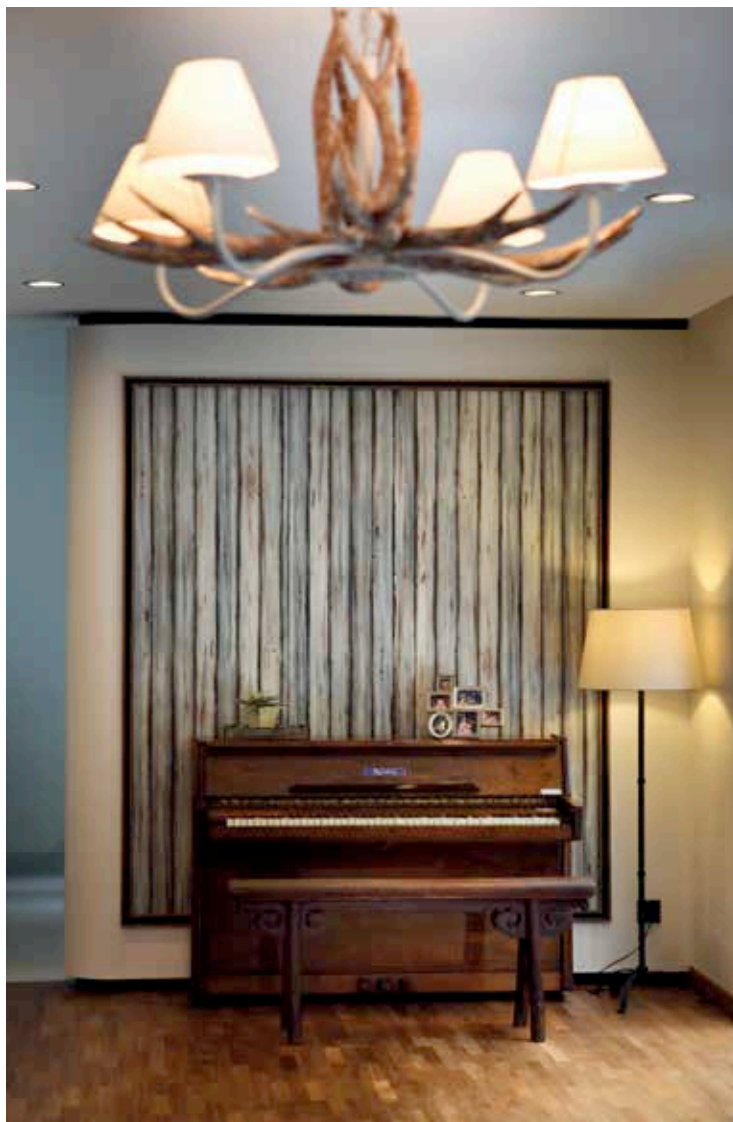
#### LIGHT-FILLED AREA

View of the dry kitchen with the wet kitchen in the background. A clear glass door separates the spaces, while ample light flow is achieved by the newly added full-height windows that line that side of the home. On countertop: tableware all from Crate & Barrel.









#### FEATURE WALL

The piano is nicely framed against a unique feature wall made up of wood laminate strips that create a textured, old-world vibe.

#### FAMILY CORNER (*opposite page*)

A newly-created foyer hosts a custom-designed bookshelf and two classic style armchairs that sit neatly against the large window. This multifunctional area allows the family to read, play, and just enjoy time together.

Every home needs a refresher after being lived in for some years, especially if children have come into the picture. And this was exactly the case with the Gan family's home which hadn't been renovated in about 15 years. Naturally, the designers had their work cut out for them.

Interestingly, the Gan family chose to go with The Scientist after Mrs Gan noticed some noteworthy projects on the designer's website. After an initial meeting, the couple were impressed with Design Director Alvin Ling's eye for detail and his careful consideration into what the family really required.

"It is important to understand what the client needs and wants so the newly designed place will be able to bring out the personality and character of the homeowners. Ultimately, the client and the designer need to work hand in hand in the design process," said Alvin.

The Gans knew that renovating their home was a must since the children (aged three and seven) were growing up quickly. Their main aim was to create a more light-filled family home, with ample space for the kids to play and explore in. Even though the family prefer privacy most times of the year, they do open up their home at Christmas and Chinese New Year, for family and friends to gather.





**Smeg FAB28 cream fridge, from APS Lifestyle Gallery**



## **DRY KITCHEN** *(above)*

The new dry kitchen hosts a four-metre-long marble bench top that serves as a dining area. The room has a lovely feel with patterned floor tiles and wood laminate cabinetry, matched with a retro Smeg fridge and an antique style faucet for an old-world charm.

## **WET KITCHEN** *(opposite page)*

Black glossy subway tiles, woody laminate cabinetry and patterned homogeneous floor tiles give the kitchen its irreplaceable good looks.

As such, a large enough dining and living room was necessary to accommodate for guests during the festive season. The design had to be versatile enough to just be used for family time as well, without being too high maintenance.

In order to accommodate the family's needs, a wet and dry kitchen was created, with a four-metre long marble top island that can easily seat 12 people at dinner time. Old window panels were also removed all along the side of the house to make way for larger full-height windows for ample light flow and ventilation.

For added character to the open-concept dry kitchen, the flushed built-in cabinetry hosts a recess which houses a retro-esque Smeg fridge. Industrial-style accents like the old-timey copper faucet and row of pendant lamps accentuate the look.

With Alvin's keen attention to detail, the transition from dry to wet kitchen is also consistent. This is largely due to the same flooring treatment of Peranakan-patterned tiles for both areas. The only visual contrast lies in the application of glossy black subway tiles, which swathes the wet kitchen walls in jet black sophistication.







## SPACES

*“It is important to understand what the client needs and wants so that the newly designed place will be able to bring out the personality and character of the homeowners.”*

*Alvin Ling, The Scientist*



### **LIVING** *(right)*

Classic furniture creates a poised, romantic feel in the living room which is in close proximity to the piano area. This allows the family to enjoy music sessions in comfort.

### **MASTER BEDROOM** *(above)*

The master bedroom is crafted in a more soothing palette, with classic style furniture taking over. This goes perfectly against the warm woody floors and cascading window coverings.

Into the private zones, it is a world of difference with its soothing whitewashed tones. A restful haven is carved out in the master bedroom with neutral furnishings like the classic-style buttoned headboard and complementary touches. With a restrained approach in picking and pairing all the furnishings, the bedroom resembles a boutique hotel suite all set to recharge its tired occupants. The ensuite bath suite follows suit with luxurious-looking marble wall tiles and its statement chandelier.

The rest of the home was completely refurbished, with new furniture, finishes, and surfaces making a huge difference to what it previously looked like.





## MASTER BATH SUITE

(below, left)

Patterned wall tiles create a lovely feature wall in the master bathroom which also hosts marble homogeneous tiles and a charming chandelier to accentuate the classic styling and high ceiling.

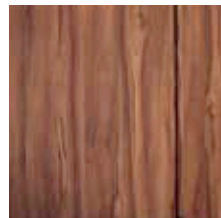
## COMMON BATHROOM

(below, right)

White textured subway tiles were used in the common bathroom in order to tie back to the black subway tiles in the kitchen. The look is fresh, clean and fuss-free.



## MATERIALS



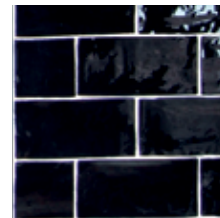
**KITCHEN CABINETS**  
Woody laminates create a statement look



**KITCHEN FLOOR**  
Patterned Hafary Italian tiles



**BATHROOM WALL**  
Italian ceramic patterned tiles create a lovely feature in the shower area



**KITCHEN BACKSPLASH**  
Black glossy subway tiles



## SPACES

### LIVING

This space exudes cosiness, in part owing to the large blue and green sofa dominating the space, and in part because of the warm colours from the brick veneer wall and the timber strip feature. Daylight enters from the balcony, replete with chairs and a mini herb garden, all sitting on faux green grass.

On ottoman:  
Brass Parakeet Magnifier  
from Robinsons





# STYLE *personified*


*There is no lack of personality in this home with industrial elements, thanks to the cheeky details and bright hues*

TEXT Ho Pei Ying

STYLING Neo Aik Sing & Ho Pei Ying

PHOTOGRAPHY Justin Loh

**2+1** CONDO  
UNIT

**1,055** sqf | HOME TO 

YISHUN CANOPY

**\$50K** BUDGET |  **5 WEEKS** RENO PERIOD



## SPACES



For homeowners Jerry and Zann Han, their new home renovation journey began simple enough: "We wanted a home where our guests could step in and say 'wow'."

Nonetheless, the road to achieving their dream home was anything but easy. The young couple did a lot of research, combing through countless home interior magazines and websites, and collecting photographs of house concepts they wanted to have. But it was designer Yenny Lee of Fuse Concept who managed to turn their aspirations into reality.

Jerry and Zann were initially keen on a Scandinavian theme with touches of colours. After discussing with Yenny and under her acute designer eye, they decided on a bright and cheery home with industrial elements instead.



*"As the mirror feature in the living faces the balcony, it reflects the daylight coming in and brightens the overall space."*

*Fuse Concept*



**Borgia chair, from Courts**

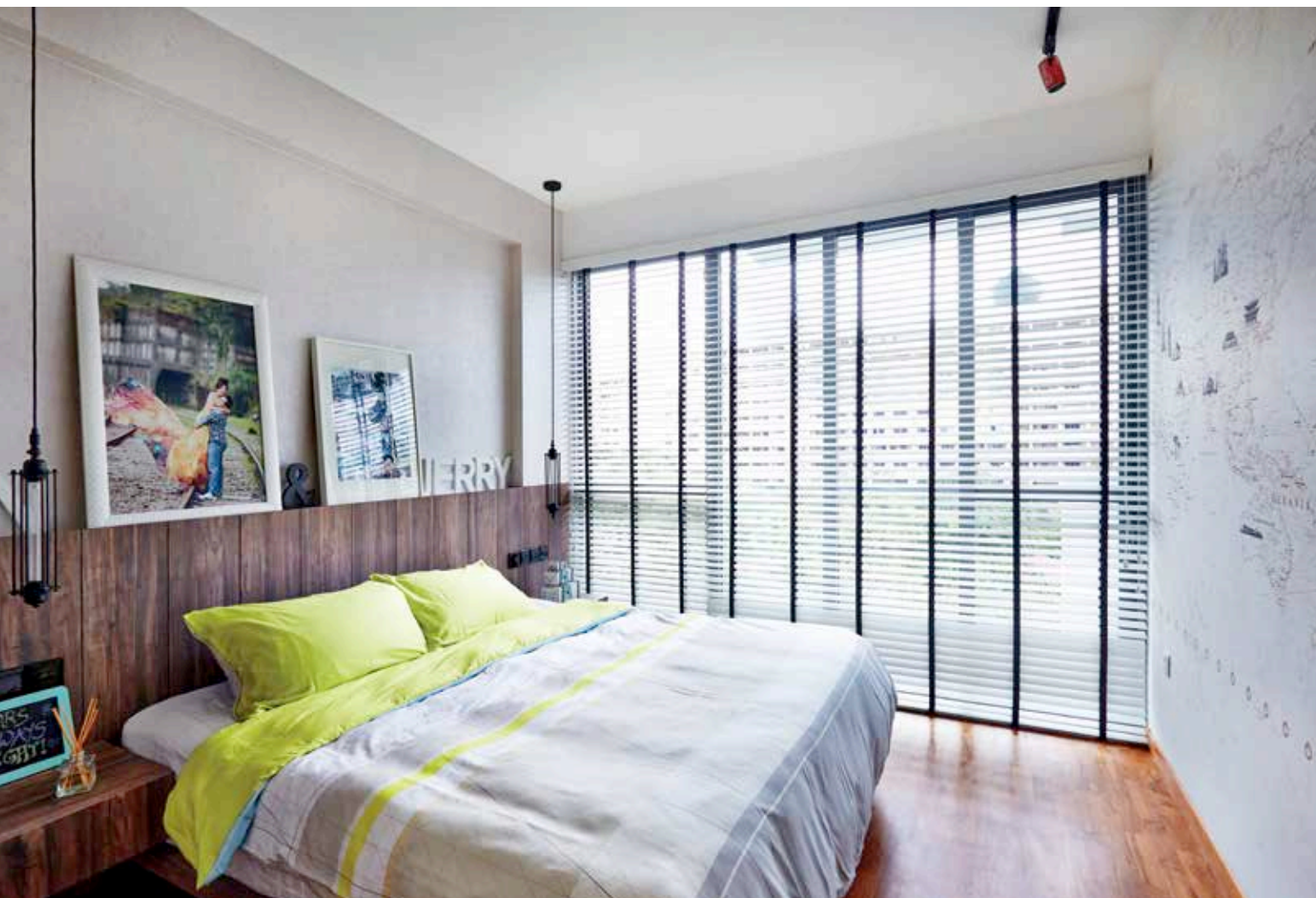
#### **DINING** *(left)*

The dining table, sourced from Smootree, can sit up to 12 guests when extended, while the ottoman—an optional piece from the sofa—was bought because it could function not only as a coffee table, but also a settee for extra seating. On dining table: Tea Pot, XL Mug, Cake Stand, Jam Jar and Splash Runner, all from Robinsons

#### **SHOE CABINET** *(opposite page)*

Connected with the mirror feature of the dining area, the cabinet's thickness is hidden behind it for a continuous, clean appearance. Wrapped with a black laminate border, the laminate pieces had to be cut individually in order to mimic the look of wood grains.





## MASTER BEDROOM (above)

The vintage-looking lamps hanging by the bedside complement the map wallpaper. Spotlights constructed from Coca-Cola cans add a cheeky vibe to this intimate and cosy space.

Bed linen: Colour Block Yellow by Hay from Robinsons

## RECREATION ROOM (opposite page)

The combination of open and close compartments reduces the bulkiness of the solid plywood shelves, and the black frames provide a striking contrast against the wood.

On shelf: Ornament Brass Pedestal Bird from Robinsons

Yenny explains: “The homeowners were receptive to the industrial look, but they wanted a warmer and more welcoming home, so we decided to incorporate splashes of colours with the industrial ideas.”

Collaboration was key to making this work. “Yenny listened to our requirements and was able to visually translate them into ideas that really struck a chord with us,” says Jerry. For Yenny, she was just glad that the homeowners were so open to the possibility of design and to the ideas she proposed.

And the teamwork paid off. The home is now a picture of fun, befitting the couple’s playful natures and active lifestyles while not lacking in designer

flair. One instance is the recreation room, carved out from two previously separate rooms—a small study and bedroom—by knocking down the wall in between. The multipurpose space not only allows Zann to do her yoga and Jerry his circuit training, it also acts as a playroom for kids when the couple has guests over. A full-height mirror was added on one side of the room, mimicking the look of a gym studio while serving to enhance the visual space. Other light-hearted touches include a colourful wall display of portraits of famous people at the foyer, bedroom lights made from cans of Coca-Cola (Jerry’s favourite drink), and a world map covering an entire wall in the master bedroom that catered to their wanderlust.







*“Zann and I really love to travel, especially to exotic places. So having a world map in the home was only natural. We placed the wallpaper in the bedroom so that we can lie in our bed to look at the world, deciding and dreaming where we can go next.”*

*Jerry Han, Homeowner*

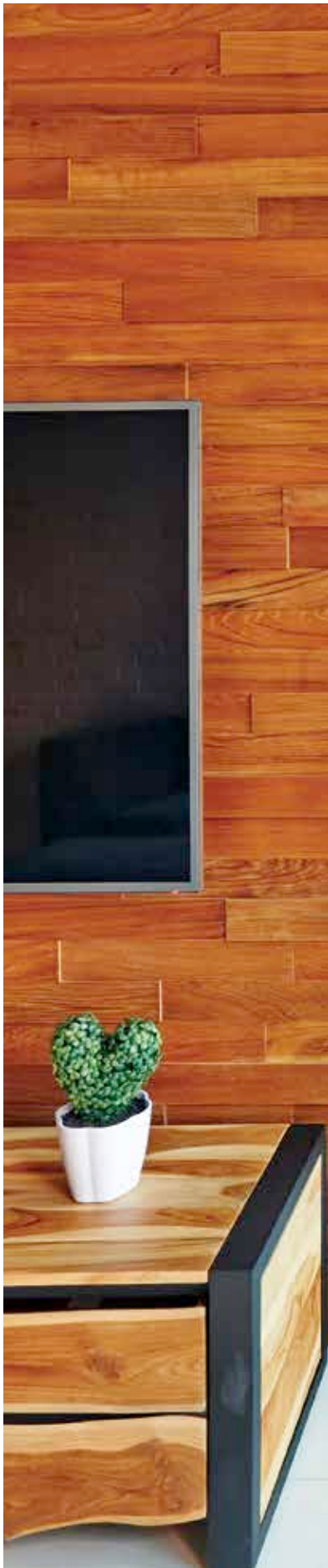
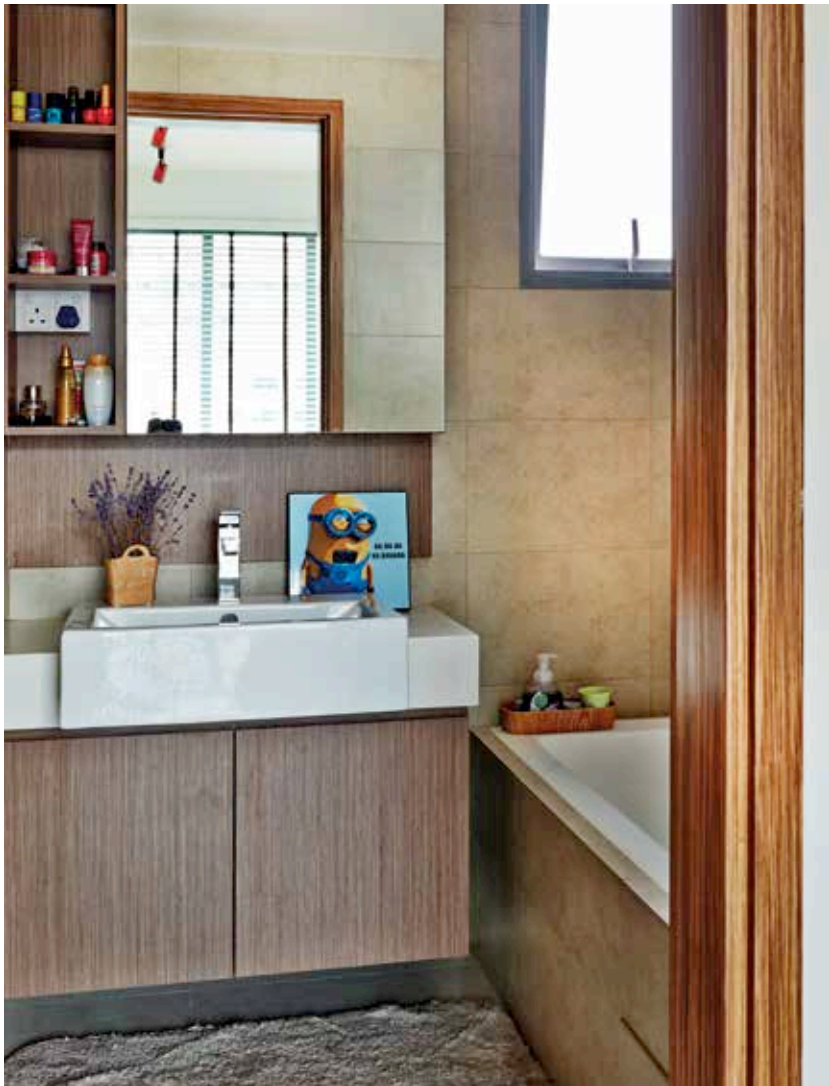


SPACES

**MASTER BATHROOM**  
*(below)*

Useful nooks next to the mirror provide more open storage shelving to stash away toiletries.

**WALL OF FAME**  
*(right)*  
Designed by a local Thai artist, the portraits' vibrant colours provide a nice contrast against the dark grey walls in the foyer, while the unusual combination of artists, politicians and a comic character is telling of the couple's fun-spirited nature.







## CORRIDOR

The aesthetic of the walkway leading to the rooms was not neglected. A newspaper print wallpaper—chosen for its recurring, yet understated pattern—adds industrial character to an otherwise uneventful part of the home.

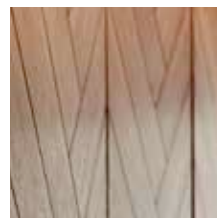
To balance out the playfulness, wood and dark colours were used in many of the fittings, such as the shelving and cabinetry, in addition to various industrial touches. The living room is accented with black trimmings, while a feature wall behind the TV console is constructed from timber strips—a material usually reserved for flooring. Peeking out from the corridor are the door handles to the rec room, made from staircase balusters commonly seen in colonial houses, lending a vintage vibe to the walkway. Inside the leisure space, a pipe lighting fixture, designed by Jerry himself, dominates the ceiling.

The little details in furnishings and design are what make this home truly special—and it's no lack of thanks to the wonderful camaraderie between homeowner and designer.

## MATERIALS



**LIVING WALL**  
CraftBrick Austin  
CSI-093 from  
CraftStone



**SHOE CABINET**  
Laminate QBK 794W  
Ogon Oak from  
Admira



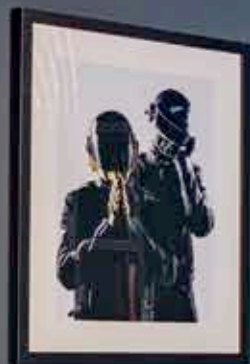
**CORRIDOR WALL**  
Korea Wallpaper  
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## SPACES

### STORAGE STATEMENT

With a lick of black paint, an otherwise cliché floor-to-ceiling book shelf is transformed into a statement piece in this reading room.





# CHELSEA *charm*

*This Victorian terrace house has been reimagined with arresting industrial elements, clean aesthetics, vintage detailing and a neutral colour palette that injects panache and sophistication*

TEXT Joseph Lim  
IMAGES COURTESY OF Minale + Mann

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**4 BEDROOM**  
VICTORIAN TERRACE HOUSE

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**3,600**sqf | HOME TO 

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📍CHELSEA, LONDON

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## STORAGE NOOK (above)

To create a sense of loftiness, two items help to create that visual trick: the ladder aids in dramatising this bookshelf while the full-height "Narnia"-like mirror adds an element of whimsy.

## LIVING-READING ROOM (opposite page)

This cosy spot enjoys great views of the outdoors while the large windows draw in plenty of sunlight to make it appear lofty.

Sometimes, the creative egos of homeowner and interior designer can clash and things might turn awry. Not in the case of this Victorian terrace house located in Chelsea, London, thankfully. The homeowners are avid readers of interior design periodicals such as *Elle Decor* and *Absolutely Chelsea*.

"I think when it comes to being knowledgeable about interior design, magazines are great resources to find inspiration and ideas. These two periodicals showcased excellent work of Minale + Mann, and we were absolutely impressed," declares the man of the house.

Apparently the house that they owned is an existing home but was in dire need of a renovation and/or refurbishment. When the homeowners contacted Minale + Mann, a British design brand

that also offers its services to Singapore, one of the managing partners, Sebastian Mann, was already excited to meet them because of the magazine showcase. Mann beams, "You get that sense of thrill when people recognise you for the work you produce, so there was a 'butterfly-in-the-stomach' effect when we met them."

Minale + Mann's philosophy is about 'refined industrial'—think industrial-style furniture and lighting pieces finessed with polished surfaces, stark contrasting tones but tempered with a contemporary twist. The designers were given carte blanche to reimagine the space and also advised the homeowners to demolish the entire house while retaining the façade as a requirement by the law as the home presides in a conservation area.

Mann also adds, "I think there's a certain



“I think there's a certain je ne sais quoi when we entered the former space. The lower ground floor's living room has a double height ceiling and the entire space feels like a loft space, but it is actually below ground!”

Sebastian Mann, Minale + Mann



## SPACES

### **BEDROOM** *(right)*

The play of monochrome is strong here: shelves are painted in black to contrast beautifully with the white pillars and sloped attic roof.

### **BATHROOM** *(below)*

The monochrome bathroom has depth thanks to its dark flooring while white tiles laid staggered style create arresting geometry.



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Mann's envisioning of a modern home brimming with eclectic pieces, unified by a theme of industrialism, was spot on. "It's very rare for us to experience palpable excitement especially during the stages of sketching and drafting the designs! I felt like I was designing a home for myself," laughs Mann.

Today, the home offers cosy corners for familial bonding while the tasteful, well-appointed rooms emanate warmth and conviviality. Apparently, the family now spends more time at home—cooking, reading and catching up on television programmes; the once quotidian activities now made more enjoyable all thanks to engaging interiors.



**COOKING STYLE**  
(right)

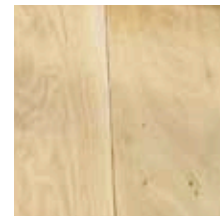
The marble backsplash, brass cabinet door handles and old world-style cooking hob corroborate to create a vintage look for this stylish kitchen.

**DINING**  
(below)

A long bench stretches across the span of the open-concept dining and kitchen space.



**MATERIALS**



READING  
ROOM  
FLOOR  
Wood flooring



BATHROOM  
WALL  
Subway tiles



KITCHEN  
BACKSPLASH  
Marble



# LUXE *flux*

*With well-appointed finishes in  
all the right places, this apartment  
strikes the right balance between  
posh and practical*

TEXT Rossara Jamil  
IMAGES COURTESY OF White Space Living

**4** ROOM  
CONDO  
APARTMENT

**1,800** sqf

HOME TO   
SINARAN 







## LIVING & DINING

Furniture pieces from brands such as Giorgetti, Vitra, Moooi and B&B Italia deck out the space. A bench in red is a surprising contrast that jazzes up the neutral palette.

A resale apartment can be all kitted out, but it may not always serve the new owners to a tee. This was the experience of this family. In addition to having personalised spaces with better storage solutions, they were keen on a sumptuous feel for their three-year-old apartment.

On the bright side, the 1800-square-foot apartment at Soleil@Sinaran offered just the right amount of space for the family of five. Thomas Tham, an interior designer from White Space Living, drafted out his vision with space planning and, of course, storage in mind. Largely, too, were the textured finishes in both

tactile and visual ways. “The ceiling features here are part of the design concept for a grand, luxurious look,” he explains.

The space opens up to a foyer enveloped with the timber patterns on walls and ceilings. More than cosmetic changes, the walls hold plenty of enclosed storage space and niches. In the living area, storage space is found at the handleless feature wall at the TV area. “For the console, we used a thin metal plate, suspended so that the amplifier can be stored below out of sight. The aim was also to enhance the feeling of lightness,” says Thomas. Overhead, the gold-coloured ceiling brings out the gilded Moooi Valentine lamps. With careful planning,



Agnes vase, from Normann Copenhagen  
([www.normann-copenhagen.com](http://www.normann-copenhagen.com))

#### FOYER

(left)

A dark wood slatted dining door leads to the kitchen. Recessed lighting adds to the streamlined look.

#### LIVING

To bring out the lines of the furniture, Thomas kept everything else subtle. For example, mounting the TV on the wall is an easy trick that keeps attention on the rest of the space.

*“The small details are important. If matched rightly, they will bring out the details in the space as a whole.”*

*Thomas Tham, White Space Living*

a mix of designer furniture sits pretty in the compact living-dining space. The sleek and slim pieces help to maximise the available space and encourage social interactions with its strategic placements. Flexible furniture such as the dining bench also allows more seating options to be utilised in either living or dining zone.

Where possible, Thomas had the interior surfaces sheathed in a variety of finishes. The master bedroom boasts gleaming polished travertine. Above the headboard is a tinted, patterned glass panel. For the couple's children, it was all about out-of-the-box solutions for their bedrooms. Their two sons, who are still in school, would require more space when friends and classmates visit. Thomas equipped both rooms with wall beds that can be stowed away.





## SPACES

### MASTER BEDROOM (right)

Don't waste a stunning view of lush greenery if you have one. Here, the desk is orientated towards the view and is perfect for moments of inspiration and quiet contemplation.

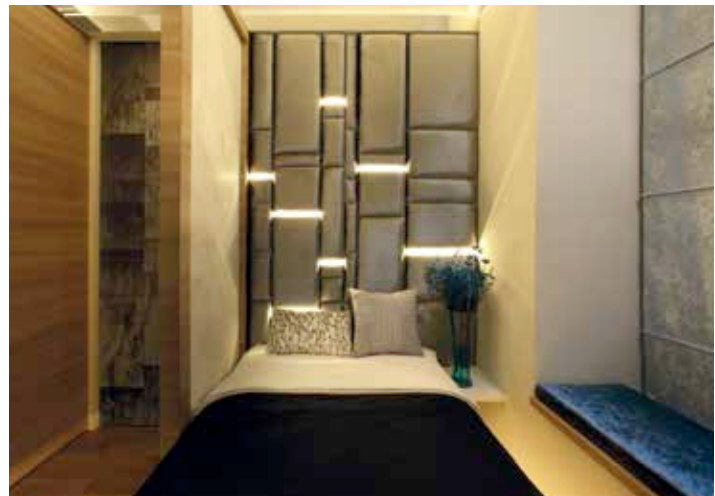
### DAUGHTER'S ROOM (below)

A tall headboard covered with padded panels never fails to add plushness to a space.



In one room, the study desk can be moved along the bay window seat so two persons could share the table.

The daughter's room, on the other hand, is a quiet haven awash in warm lighting and shimmery silver hues. A wall with alabaster natural grain effect is constructed to create a comfortable, cocooning alcove. Aside from the spatial ingenuity, the home reflects the design firm's detail-oriented approach. Thomas says, "The small details are important. If matched rightly, they will bring out the details in the space as a whole."





## SON'S ROOM

(top)

Why go for a conventional layout for the bedroom? Having the wardrobe and storage units at the bedhead instead not only makes use of space efficiently, but also creates a cosy setting for sleep.

## MURPHY BED

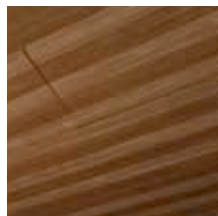
Now you see it, now you don't! Hidden beds are the perfect solution for those who need space in their bedroom for hobbies and activities.

## MATERIALS



### LIVING WALL

Laminate with leathery texture



### CEILING

Laminate in natural oak stain tone effect



### LIVING CEILING

Gold leaf decorative coating effect



# FORCES OF NATURE

*Encompassing the raw beauty  
of natural stones and extreme  
toughness, quartz is gaining  
traction as a sought-after kitchen  
countertop material*

TEXT Disa Tan



Featuring 5131 Calacatta Nuvo from  
Caesarstone's Classico Collection

IN TERMS OF COMMON KITCHEN COUNTERTOP OPTIONS, THERE ARE THE BUDGET-FRIENDLY SOLID SURFACE OR HIGH-END GRANITE. WHILE MANY ARE DRAWN TO THE FORMER'S AFFORDABLE PRICES AND OTHERS, GRANITE'S GORGEOUS BUT FRAGILE BEAUTY, THERE WAS NEVER AN IN-BETWEENER UNTIL QUARTZ MADE THE SCENE.

## WHAT IS QUARTZ EXACTLY?

Is it a natural stone? For the record, this engineered stone is made of natural quartz crystals. They are first mined, and then ground into dust or an aggregate that's fused with resin binders to create one huge solid slab. To inject colour to bring out realistic vein patterns, pigments are added into the process.



Image courtesy of bemz

*Quartz comprises  
94% ground quartz  
which is combined  
with polyester resins to  
bind it, and pigments  
for colour.*

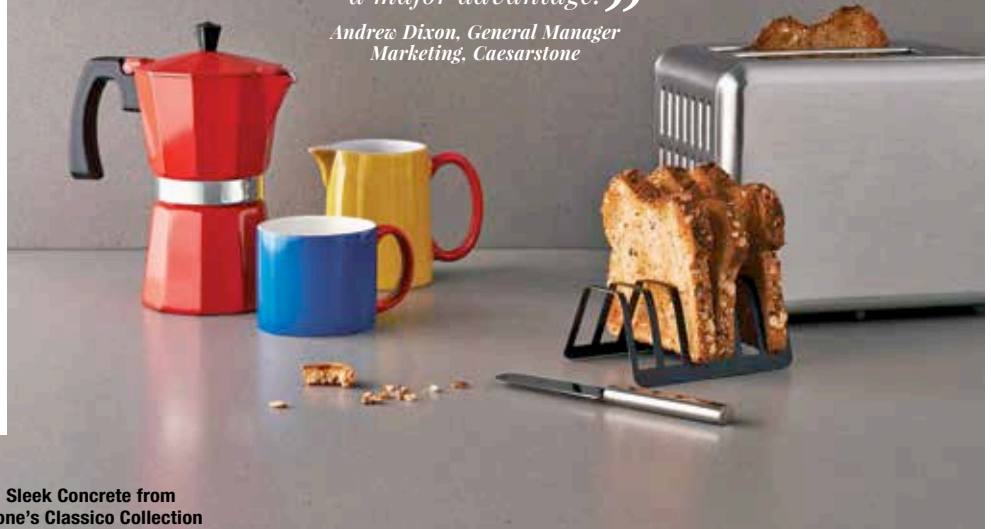
## HOW DOES IT SURPASS OTHER COUNTERTOP MATERIALS?

For one, it is low in maintenance. Unlike natural stone, it is non-porous, which means it does not need to be sealed yearly like granite. The resins in quartz don't just bind the quartz crystals, it offers stain and scratch-proof attributes to the countertop material. That said, so confident are some quartz retailers of their product's longevity that it is not uncommon for them to offer up to 10 to 15 years of warranty. This certainly gives granite a run for its money.

*“We see Sleek Concrete being used in kitchen benchtops, splashbacks, bathroom wall panels and vanities, and also in commercial applications such as café tables and benches, bars, feature wall panels where never having to seal the surface will be a major advantage.”*

*Andrew Dixon, General Manager  
Marketing, Caesarstone*

Featuring Sleek Concrete from  
Caesarstone's Classico Collection



## DESIGN VERSATILITY

Featuring IROK from  
Cosentino's Dekton Collection



How diverse is the selection you say? Very, as it appears there's a world of multi-coloured quartz slabs with realistic-looking flecks, swirls and veins to make them appear almost like the real deal. And don't get us started on the varying finishes like honed, sandblasted and embossed.

Featuring AURA from Cosentino's  
Dekton Collection



Cosentino, a world leading provider of Silestone or quartz surfaces, has launched five new colours in their Dekton collection. Namely the Aura, Edora, Irok, Kairos and Vegha, these striking shades are modelled after natural stone and sport exquisite veining. Highlighting the new selection is Aura, which brings a new design concept to the table. It offers a true mirror effect called bookmatching, where the veining design carries on seamlessly from one slab to the next.



SURFACE



APPLICATIONS

Image courtesy of Cosentino



Featuring VEGHA from Cosentino's Dekton Collection

Conventionally used as worktops or even backsplashes, the application of quartz goes beyond the kitchen. With wider slabs, it can be used as flooring, especially in high traffic areas like commercial properties. Its non-porous nature means it is well-suited for the bathroom as wall coverings, flooring and vanity counters. In a nutshell, here are its typical indoor applications:

- KITCHEN**  
Countertops, splashbacks & flooring
- BATHROOM**  
Vanity/sink counter, flooring & wall coverings
- LIVING**  
Flooring, tabletops, stair panels, custom-made furniture & feature wall coverings



Featuring Arctic Bench by Cellini Design Center from Caesarstone

Mention quartz and the name 'Caesarstone' will always come up. Since the industry pioneer introduced this revolutionary material in 1987, Caesarstone has been developing trailblazing design concepts and fresh new applications for quartz surfaces. Most recently, they collaborated with furniture retailer Cellini to unveil two proud masterpieces: Arctic Benches and Essenza Tables. In monochromatic tones, these timeless pieces bear Cellini's trademark minimalistic forms and Caesarstone's outstanding 5131 Calacatta Nuvo and 5100 Vanilla Noir designs.

Featuring Sleek Concrete from Caesarstone's Classico Collection



CLEANING & MAINTENANCE

Since it is stain-resistant and practically picks up no odour with its non-porous surface, cleaning quartz worktops are a breeze. Simple care is all it takes to keep its lustrous appearance. That means a routine wipe down with a damp cloth or a paper towel after using the worktop. Like all maintenance taboos for most materials, do not use abrasive cleaning agents or tools. Do wipe away food or liquid as soon as possible to minimise stubborn stains.



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# DARK & HANDSOME

Dark wood elements, utilitarian furnishings and vintage décor make this studio a bachelor's dream come true



## FACT FILE

**SPACE** 2-bedroom studio apartment  
**SIZE** 900 square feet  
**LOCATION** Tembeling  
**HOME TO** A bachelor  
**DESIGNER** Jake Yeoh from Z L Construction  
**RENO PERIOD** 3 weeks

Starting out in the late seventies, Z L Construction was once the subsidiary company of a family-run corporation. Focusing on residential upgrades and HDB renovations, the firm believes in offering sincerity, honesty and quality assurance to its clientele. By building their reputation through the years, they have grown to become a trusted name for homeowners plus commercial and industrial customers alike. Armed with team of trusted professionals, Z L Construction aims to offer top notch personable service and quality for all customers.

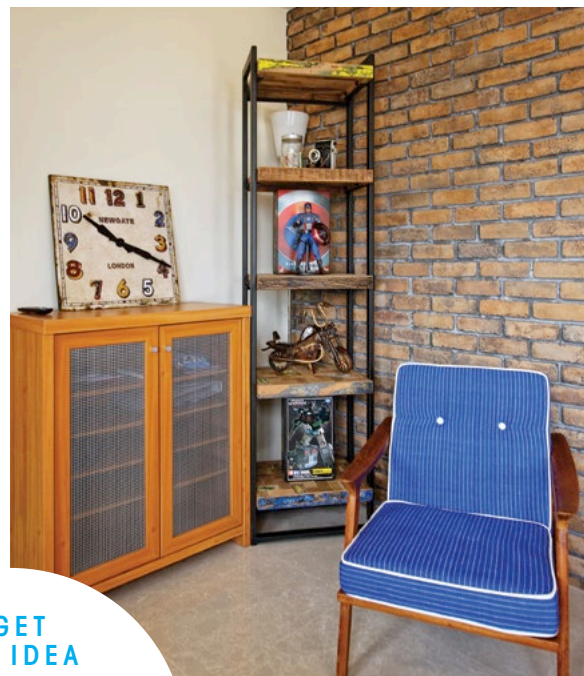
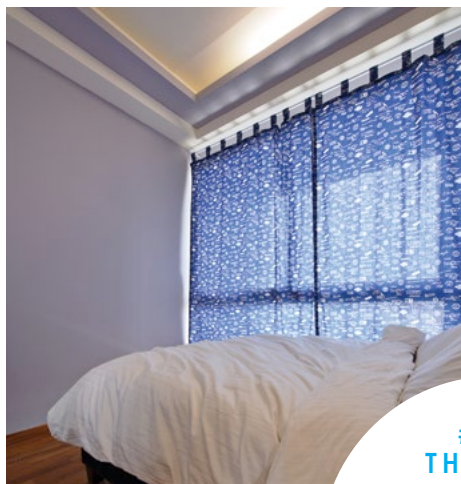


## < LIVING

A specially-created Craftstone brick feature wall with black grouting and a tan leather couch ooze with masculine vibe, giving off a rustic, laidback look. Extending the view and elongating the feature is a tea-tinted strip of full-height mirror at the corridor. To brighten the woody hues, a vibrant peacock blue fabric vintage arm chair and cushions were added to the mix.

## ▼ MASTER BEDROOM

A recessed ceiling gives height to this intimate space. Painting the border a darker colour—grey—provides visual interest and depth.



## #GET THE IDEA

*White chairs and pendant lamps provide a clean and bright appearance, helping to uplift this communal area, which is dominated by the dark woods of the dining set.*

## ^ ALL IN THE DETAILS

Carefully-selected accent decorations such as the action figures, copper motorcycle figurine and antique-looking clock show off the personality of the owner while adding a certain charm to the home.

## < KITCHEN + DINING

An open plan kitchenette provides visual space in this small studio apartment. Designer Jake Yeoh mounted a breakfast counter made from white quartz to extend the space. To tie the areas of the home together, the dining table and bench were sourced from the same furniture line and vintage collector as the shelf and coffee table in the living room.



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# MODERN MARVEL

With tactile touches like stucco feature walls, this family home's contemporary appeal is made even more apparent



## FACT FILE

**SPACE** 2+1-room condominium unit  
**SIZE** 904 square feet  
**LOCATION** River Valley  
**HOME TO** Family of 4  
**DESIGNER** Rezt & Relax  
**RENO PERIOD** 4 weeks

Started in 2001, Rezt & Relax is the brainchild of design partners Wilson Teh and John Foo. Their portfolio includes a wide spectrum of residential and commercial projects. The team at Rezt & Relax believes in offering creative design solutions and trend forecasts to help owners to simply relax and unwind in the comfort of their homes.

#### < LIVING + DINING

A soothing palette of neutrals fills the space with sophistication. The open concept configuration adds to the spacious illusion of the communal zones. An off-white shade with a touch of grey is the perfect finishing touch.

#### ▼ DINING

Dark tinted mirrors are used to good effect to amplify the visual appearance of the petite dining space.



#### #SPACE- SAVING FACTOR

*By using the bay window space, Xavier Wong, the designer from Rezt & Relax was able to add more features into each of the bedrooms like a vanity and even a single bed to reclaim more space.*



#### < MASTER BEDROOM

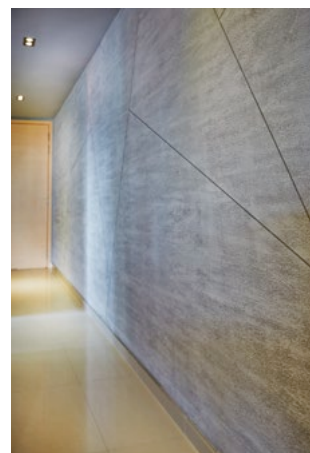
A similar stucco feature wall appears in the master bedroom. This completes the consistency in terms of the home's look and concept.

#### < DAUGHTER'S BEDROOM

Pretty in pink, the little girl's room is outfitted in customised carpentry works to better maximise the limited space available.

#### ▼ FEATURE WALL

As the defining element of this living space, the stucco feature wall with stylish strokes is an understated wall treatment.



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# COLOUR PLAY

Being fans of everything Japanese, the homeowners were thrilled to have a home bursting with colours, creativity and just a hint of quirkiness



## FACT FILE

**SPACE** 5-room HDB flat unit  
**SIZE** 1,200 square feet  
**LOCATION** Sengkang West  
**HOME TO** A couple  
**DESIGNER** Three-D Conceptwerke  
**RENO PERIOD** 4 months

As a dynamic interior design firm, Three-D Conceptwerke conceptualises three-dimensional urban landscapes and architectural spaces in an unconventional manner. Armed with a team of creative individuals, they seek to create an integrated space where the interior and exterior flow harmoniously together. Taking environmental considerations into account, the aim is to materialise a distinctive space that is both spiritually and visually ideal without sacrificing functions.

#### < LIVING AND DINING

The design team went for an eclectic look in this combined living and dining space. Mismatched chairs give off a laidback chic, while the white console cabinet ensures a balance in this colourful composition. The pop of primary blue helps to add depth and define the dining area.

#### > THREE-IN-ONE

Walls in between the master bedroom and a previous bedroom were knocked down to create a space now divided into three functions. The sleeping quarters is raised on a plywood platform and overlooks the study area. A dual panel swing door leads to the walk-in wardrobe. The closets separate the study and walk-in wardrobe, while a custom-built divider allows the sleeping area and workspace to remain distinct.



#### ^ BATHROOM

A soothing and relaxed vibe was achieved in this bathroom space with the use of pale blue tiles. A floating vanity, attached only to the wall, facilitates easy cleaning of the floor.



#### v KITCHEN

To accommodate for different needs, black aluminium-framed door and windows were used to demarcate the kitchen. They can be opened for greater ventilation and for the interiors to appear larger, or closed, in the event of heavy cooking. For quick and informal meals, a breakfast nook was included within and created from a custom-built plywood table with staircase railings for its legs.



#### #STEAL THE LOOK

*The honeycomb tile work with its alternate blue blocks and stripes is already a conversation starter. When spilled over from the kitchen to juxtapose alongside the vinyl flooring, they provide a greater visual interest and add a playfulness to the space.*



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# ASIAN COOL

Blooming colours and some understated Oriental flavours create a stunning visage for this Japanese eatery

## #STYLE WOW

*The hanging chandeliers are boxed up in clear acrylic cubes to make the perfect modernist statement.*



## FACT FILE

**SPACE** Restaurant  
**SIZE** 1,400 square feet  
**LOCATION** One Raffles Place  
**DESIGNER** Renozone  
**RENO PERIOD** 4 weeks

The team of designers at Renozone pride themselves for creating long term relationships with their customers. One of the main reasons why they manage to cultivate such amiable ties is because the company takes pride in all the projects that they have completed. Renozone guarantees quality workmanship and services, making customer satisfaction their top priority.



#### < DINING AREA

Custom-made tables and chairs complement the colourful setting and dark vinyl flooring perfectly. A single bright stroke of colour peers out from each table and this understated design motif matches the colourful shelving to a tee.

#### ^ FRONT VIEW

Fronted by wood panels with intricate cut-outs, the restaurant is drenched in dark tones and contrasted with pops of bright hues. This presents a sleek yet inviting atmosphere.

#### ▼ SHELVING

Dressed to impress, the custom-built shelves feature an Oriental style that is hard to miss. The shelf backings are in different vibrant tones and are made of fabric for a softer touch.



#### ^ LONG DINING

Golden mouldings go hand in hand with Oriental cut-outs to evoke the perfect modern Japanese allure. A orange painted ceiling adds to the drama and opulence.

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# BLACK TIE AFFAIR

With a sophisticated dark colour palette peppered with warm, woody elements, this abode looks more like a swanky hotel suite than a regular HDB flat unit

## #GET THE IDEA

*With downlights hidden seamlessly within the false ceiling, this does not disrupt the aesthetically pleasing flow of the ceiling.*



## FACT FILE

**SPACE** 5-room HDB unit

**SIZE** 1,200 square feet

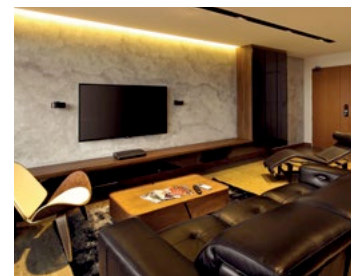
**LOCATION** Sengkang

**HOME TO** A couple

**DESIGNER** Dan Tay and Aclester Lim from Hue Concept

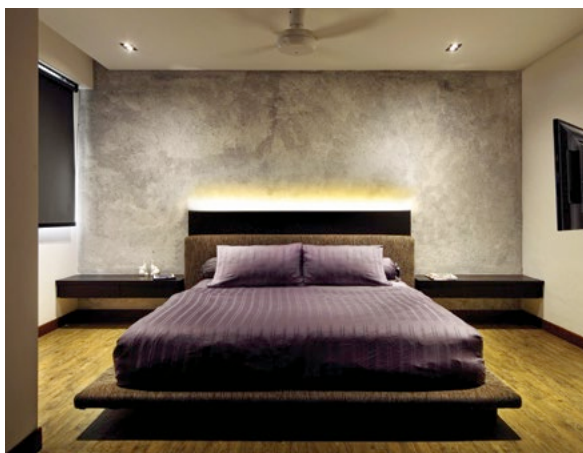
**RENO PERIOD** 5 weeks

Turning dream homes into reality, Hue Concept is all about delivering a midas touch of design flair to abodes. Elevating style to another level, they also endeavor to create homes of functionality to better the lives of those living in it. So, if you're looking for style and substance, you can entrust your living space in the good hands of Hue Concept.



#### < LIVING + DINING

The impressive feature wall here is actually special effects paint from Nippon's Momento series. The brush strokes resemble marble, which makes for a posh scene. It pairs well with the grainy vinyl flooring and dark contemporary furnishings.



#### ^ BEDROOM

With a similar treatment of the painted feature wall and vinyl flooring like the one in the living room, the bedroom retains the same, sleek style. Two low-lying side tables flank the bed and offer a stylised, symmetrical effect to the space.



#### ^ KITCHEN

For a minimalistic style, designers Aclester and Dan kept it simple by using fuss-free homogeneous tiled flooring, and wood backing for the wall to create that clean, seamless effect. Dark cabinets with acrylic door panels and a built-in counter complete the kitchen.

#### < KITCHEN COUNTER

Like a box within a box, the counter has a boxed up effect with the cosy niche. Recessed lighting emits a warm glow and makes the kitchen more inviting.

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# NATURE AT WORK

Taking a leaf from nature, this home for two is outfitted with woody tones and easy-to-maintain modern elements



## #STYLE WOW

*As specified by the homeowners, leaf decals, a distinctive species at that, shroud the backlit glass panels in the living zone.*

## FACT FILE

**SPACE** 5-room HDB flat unit  
**SIZE** 1,184 square feet  
**LOCATION** Upper Serangoon Crescent  
**HOME TO** A young married couple  
**DESIGNER** The Orange Cube  
**RENO PERIOD** 8 weeks

Inspired and motivated to provide a complete package of services, The Orange Cube is equipped to take clients through design conception to building completion. As a result of this all-encompassing dedication, the company has amassed an impressive portfolio in both residential and commercial projects ever since its establishment 10 years ago. With their can-do attitude and enthusiasm in design and offering impeccable service, it's no wonder the company has gained a firm foothold in the interior design scene.



#### < LIVING

Taking precedence in this communal space is definitely the full-height entertainment console, which also serves as a feature wall. Two backlit glass panels pop out in contrast with the brown, wood grain tones of the customised cabinetry fixture.



#### < MASTER BEDROOM

Though this bedroom is huge enough to incorporate the sleeping area and even a walk-in wardrobe, another common room was merged to the mix. This brings sufficient space to create a study in the same space.

#### < KITCHEN

A breakfast counter adds a relaxed touch to the clean-looking cooking space. Decked in quartz countertops and grainy laminate cabinetry with white high gloss overhead cabinets, the kitchen embodies a practical concept which is easy to maintain.


#### ^ BEDROOM CABINETRY

Besides having a dresser on one side and a storage wall of storage on the other, this customised fixture is also the point of demarcation between the bedroom and the walk-in wardrobe.

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# DOWNRIGHT RUSTIC

By exposing its original brickwork, this home's rustic flavour is carried onto the rest of its elements



## #GET THE IDEA

*Black floating shelves look striking against a standout brick wall without being too distracting.*

Prozfile is a dynamic design establishment that firmly believes good design emerges from the smooth communication channel and relationship between clients and their designers. The highly motivated design trio aims to achieve the concept of "a Living space" that is not just aesthetically beautiful, but a reflection of their clients' lifestyles and personality. With their unique approach to design while conceptualising highly polished yet simplistic homes, Prozfile is the perfect choice for people who want something different and are not afraid to stand out in the crowd.

## FACT FILE

<b>SPACE</b>	4-room condominium unit
<b>SIZE</b>	2,100 square feet
<b>LOCATION</b>	Pasir Panjang
<b>HOME TO</b>	A family of three
<b>DESIGNER</b>	Roy Poh from Prozfile
<b>RENO PERIOD</b>	2 months

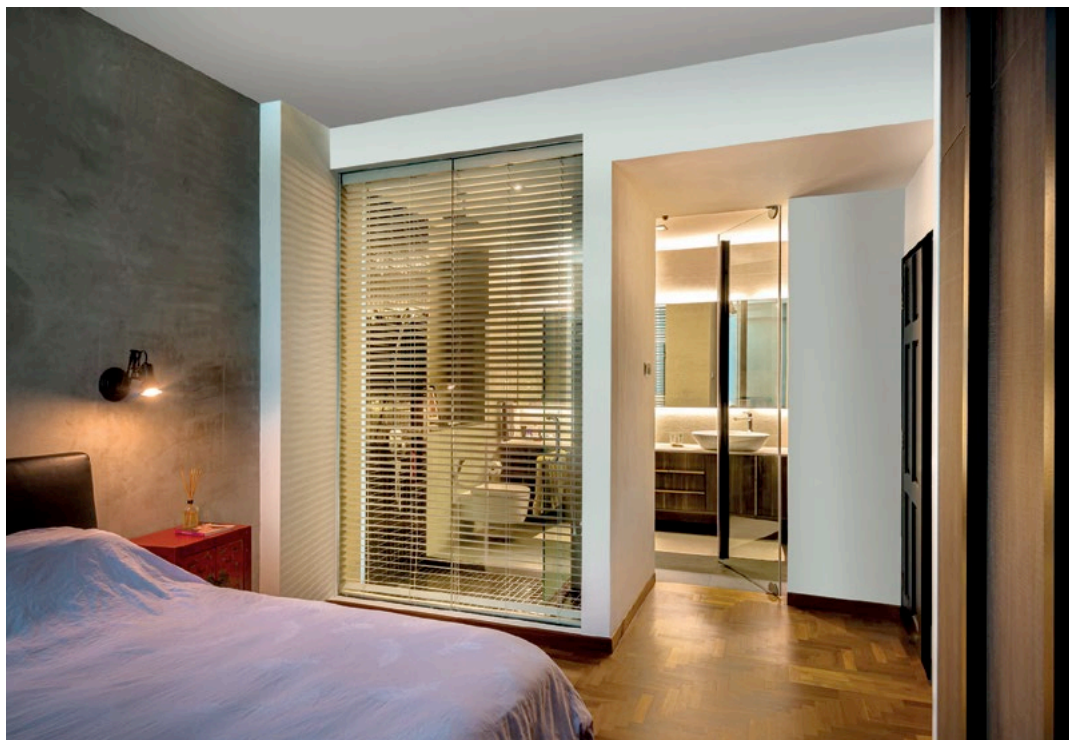


#### < LIVING

The living room is a sight to behold with the striking red brick wall and high ceilings. With the homeowners' preference of an authentic industrial look, designer Roy hacked away some of the cement screed to expose the rough texture of the original brick wall.

#### > BEDROOM

For a cosy and more intimate ambience, the bedroom is decked in warm parquet wood flooring, coupled with a similar stucco feature wall as the one in the dining room.



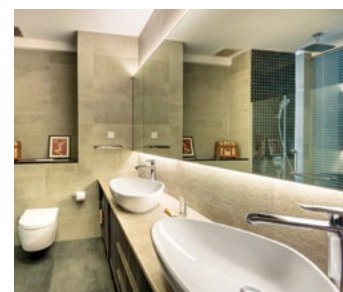
#### ^ KITCHEN

A wall separating the laundry room and the kitchen was also hacked away for a bigger kitchen space, leaving a raw finish to the beam.



#### < DINING

Continuing the design ethos of the living area, the dining area's stucco feature wall bears a cement effect. Roy also expanded the kitchen with white hollow block walls for an industrial look, and a big square opening with a wood trimming for a natural flow of light.



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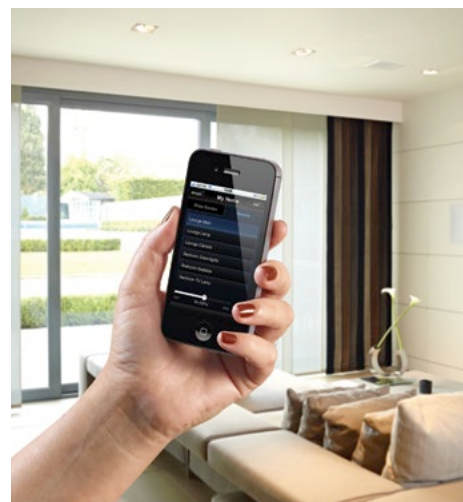
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# LIGHT *management*

*Create different scenes in your home to suit your moods and needs with MK Astral, a lighting automation system controlled just from your smartphone*



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# KITCHEN *efficiency*

*Get organised in your kitchen with Legrabox, Blum's latest drawer system that marries slick design with proficient technology*

Having a functional, fuss-free and organised kitchen inspires culinary adventures. Having good quality cabinets that work well and efficiently may well mean you are on your way to success in the kitchen. But efficiency does not mean you need to sacrifice appearance. Austrian fitting manufacturer Blum's latest drawer system Legrabox marries style with substance to create a smooth and aesthetically pleasing kitchen for your home. With Legrabox, you might just find yourself opening your cabinets more often.



## CLEAN DESIGN

Legrabox features a sleek and streamlined design that fits harmoniously into any contemporary furniture and home. Each drawer side is just 12.8 mm thick with the slides completely concealed underneath all that stainless steel. Accent lines—a key design element—emphasise the system's clean-cut design. Covered in matte, anti-fingerprint coating, Legrabox comes in a variety of colours to suit different design palettes. It takes customisation to a whole new level, as Blum also offers options for individual branding.

## EFFICIENT TECHNOLOGY

Despite its minimalist design, Legrabox can take a load bearing capacity of 40 kg and 70 kg.

The new runner system developed and incorporated by Blum means your drawers will glide effortlessly even under heavy loads. It calls for a simple light touch with the soft-close Blumotion technology, allowing for a smooth, silent closing force. Accessing your drawers will therefore become an effortless affair. Legrabox can be upgraded with existing 'touch-to-open' systems such as Servo-Drive (electrical) and Tip-on (mechanical) to enhance ease of opening.

## STAY ORGANISED

Organise the interiors of the drawers with the complementary Ambia-Line, an inner dividing system specially designed to go with Legrabox for a seamless overall look. The

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Legrabox is available exclusively through urbanKITCHEN by Blum Singapore, which helps to create efficient kitchen concepts and configurations to fit your lifestyle. Interested homeowners can email [urbankitchen.sg@blum.com](mailto:urbankitchen.sg@blum.com) to secure an appointment to transform your kitchen today.

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# COURTING *style*

*With three trendy styles and over 2,000 pieces to choose from, Courts' newest furniture range of furniture and home accessories will breathe new life into your home, all without bursting your budget*

The Scandinavian look has become hot commodity in the recent years and when better to jump on this bandwagon than now? Striking while the iron is hot is Courts. The furniture and electrical retailer is meeting burgeoning demand with its latest and most extended range ever. It has launched over 2,000 pieces for all your furnishings needs.

Segregated into three rejuvenated styles, we take a closer look at Courts' latest selection that has got everyone talking:

## FUNK

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## CLASSIC

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## URBAN

With the space crunch and homes becoming smaller in Singapore, everyone is looking for pieces that help to de-clutter your home and give the illusion of space. Urban is all about minimalist lines and angles to help you achieve a clean, sleek and contemporary home that you'll be proud of. Start small with the Grey Kula Dup Mug (\$12) or take ownership of your space with the Snow Armchair and Ottoman (\$999), which comes with tall tapered legs to give a light and airy presence.



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# COLOUR *makeovers*

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5. Free colour consultation

On a whole, we have three packages: Premier Package, Wash & Wear Package and Pentalite Package.

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Prior to painting, Dulux professional painters will first visit your home to assess the condition of your walls and provide reliable recommendations. They will then advise any sealers or if any wall defects need to be fixed. All these will ensure the final painting results' success.

## WHAT KIND OF ADVICE DOES A DULUX PROFESSIONAL PAINTER OFFER? DOES IT ONLY CONCERN PAINT COLOURS OR IS IT MORE THAN THAT?

Besides a home visit to assess the condition of your walls, the Dulux professional painter will offer other suggestions like the suitable types of paints to match your lifestyle needs. Or if sealer is required, and whether fungicidal wash is needed for mouldy walls.



## CAN YOU TELL US MORE ABOUT THE 'FREE COLOUR CONSULTATION' SESSION? HOW DOES IT WORK?

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1. Take a photo of your room.
2. Email us via [www.duluxservices.com.sg/colour-consultation.html](http://www.duluxservices.com.sg/colour-consultation.html)
3. Tell us what are your preferred colours, shades and themes.
4. We will create the colour schemes with the colours of your dreams on to the images and forward it back to you. So that you may get a better visual before buying the actual paint colours.



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### BEFORE PAINTING, HOW WOULD THE DULUX PAINT CREW ENSURE THAT ALL THE FURNISHINGS AND ITEMS IN THE HOME ARE WELL-PROTECTED FROM PAINT DRIPS AND SPILLS?

Dulux painting contractors will cover the furnishings and move them away during painting if needed. Our professional painters will take utmost care to wrap your furniture to ensure the least damage and inconvenience to homeowners. Areas not required for painting such as sockets will also be protected during the paint process.



### HOW LONG DOES A PAINTING SESSION USUALLY TAKE?

It usually takes three to four days to paint the entire house (depending on the size of the house). Homeowners are also encouraged to keep away smaller and fragile items prior to painting.

### FOR THE HANDS-ON HOMEOWNER, WHAT NEEDS TO BE PREPARED BEFORE EMBARKING ON A DIY PAINT JOB?

Firstly, they should estimate how much paint they need for the entire project. See below for an estimation of how much paint is required for each home genre. They should also take into account whether the walls are ready for painting.

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*Dulux Colour Consultant*

For instance, if it needs treatment or sealers. Lastly, of course, you need to get the tools and the paints.

### WHAT ARE THE COMMON OBSTACLES THEY NORMALLY FACE AND HOW CAN THEY RESOLVE THESE ISSUES?

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### PAINT NEEDED FOR VARIOUS HOME SIZES\*

TYPE OF HOME	ESTIMATED COVERAGE	ALL CEILINGS	BEDROOMS	DINING/LIVING AREA
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4-ROOM HDB FLAT		4 cans x 5L		2 cans x 5L
5-ROOM HDB FLAT		4 cans x 5L		3 cans x 5L
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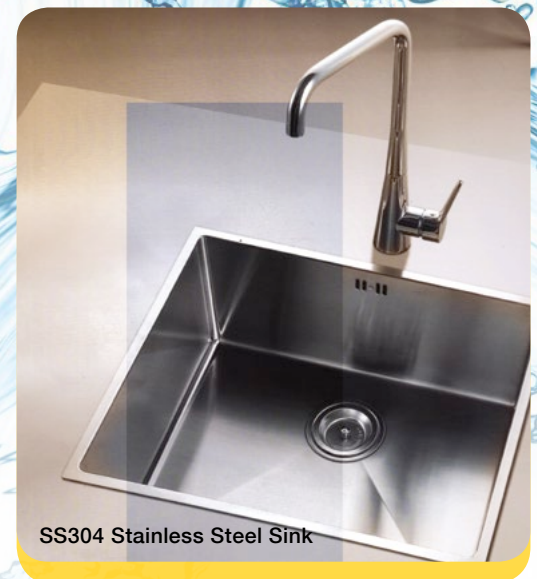
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